SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 2.7 (ID # 19528) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 26, 2022

FROM : AUDITOR CONTROLLER:

SUBJECT: AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Authorization of denial of state assessed unitary property tax refund claims for Tax Year 2017-18, Districts: All. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

 Authorize the denial of the State assessed unitary property tax refund claims for the return of 2017-18 taxes paid on State assessed bills for SFPP, L.P., and Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Claimants"), pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 100 and Section 5096 and authorize the Auditor-Controller to notify the Claimants of the Board's decision.

ACTION:Consent

7/11/2022 ssistant Auditor (

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and HewittNays:NoneAbsent:NoneDate:July 26, 2022xc:Auditor

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:		Ongoing Cost	
COST	\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0				\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Budget Adjustment: No		No				
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C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Auditor-Controller is required to calculate the tax rate necessary for the timely and accurate billing of property taxes in Riverside County. The California Constitution XIII, XIIIA and various Revenue and Taxation Codes directs the counties on the property tax process, including State assessed unitary property. The Auditor-Controller's Office has received two property tax refund claims from unitary property owners for taxes paid in 2017-18. The property owners' claims state the unitary property tax rate is in excess of the rate allowed by the California Constitution, and they have requested a combined refund of \$231,149.12 plus interest.

The Auditor-Controller's Office has followed all the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code Section 100 directing the establishment and calculation of the unitary tax rate for tax year 2017-18. The unitary tax rates have been audited by the State Controller's Office and deemed calculated in compliance with State law. The Auditor-Controller is requesting the Board's authorization to deny the claims.

The California Constitution and Revenue and Taxation Code legislate property tax. Under Article XIII, Section 1 (a) all property is taxable. Under Section 19 the State Board of Equalization is required to annually assess property owned or used by regulated railway, telegraph, or telephone companies. This property shall be subject to taxation to the same extent and in the same manner as other property. Article XIII A Section 1 (a) states the maximum amount of any ad valorem tax on real property shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the full cash value of such property. The one percent (1%) tax to be collected by the counties and apportioned according to law to the districts within the counties. Section 1 (b) states the limitation provided for subdivision (a) shall not apply to ad valorem taxes or special assessments to pay the interest and redemption charges on any of the listed voter approved debt, such as school bonds. Revenue and Taxation Code Section 723 and 723.1 instructs the State Board of Equalization regarding valuing property". Revenue and Taxation Code Section 100 instructs the County how the values and revenues for unitary property shall be allocated. Section 100 (a) requires the County to establish one countywide tax rate area. The assessed

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value of all unitary and operating non-unitary property shall be assigned to this tax rate area. No other property shall be assigned to this tax rate area. Section 100 (b) requires property assigned to the tax rate area created by subdivision (a) to be taxed for the counties ad valorem tax levies at a rate as prescribed by a set formula.

The claimants have challenged the State requirements and stated they are entitled to a refund of a portion of their respectively paid 2017-18 unitary taxes plus interest, on the grounds the taxes were erroneously or illegally collected, or illegally assessed or levied, and gave the following reasons:

- a. The property tax rate applied to compute claimants' property tax was in excess of the rate applied in the same year to the property in the county assessed by the assessor of Riverside County in violation of Article XIII, section 19 of the California Constitution and *ITT World Communications v. City and County of San Francisco*, 37 Cal. 3d 859 (1985).
- b. The property tax rate applied to compute the claimants' property taxes exceeded the rate allowed by Article XIII A, Section 1 of the California Constitution.

In consultation with County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office has reviewed the claims and the audited County practices for unitary taxation. Riverside County follows the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code Section 100 for the calculation of the unitary tax rate. Therefore, the Auditor-Controller has determined that no refund is allowable to the property owners and requests the Board instruct the Auditor-Controller's Office to deny the claims.

If a board of supervisors for a county does not render a decision in regard to a claim for refund within six months after receipt of such claims, a claimant may file a suit in court. Also, a claimant would have 6 months to file a suit in court from the date a denial decision is made by a board of supervisors. The claims from SFPP, L.P., and Level 3 Communications, LLC were filed with the County on April 5, 2022, and April 12, 2022 respectively as further described in Attachment A. The County has six months after receipt to approve or deny the claims before the claimants may file suit in court. If the County does deny the claims, that starts a six-month statute of limitations in which the claimants must bring suit.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

If refunds were allowable by law, the refunds would impact primarily school districts and water districts of Riverside County with voter approved debt obligations.

ATTACHMENT A:

Summary of Claims

ATTACHMENT B:

Claim for Refund – SFPP, L.P.

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ATTACHMENT C:

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Claim for Refund – Level 3 Communications, LLC

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Attachment A

Auditor-Controller's Office Property Tax Division 23-Jun-22

Claim for Refund of Tax Payments

				Date Received		
Assessee	Co.	Year	Claim	By County	By Auditor Controller's Office	
SFPP, L.P.	33-461	2017-18	\$ 162,684.71	4/5/2022	6/7/2022	
Level 3 Communications, LLC	33-761	2017-18	\$ 68,464.41	4/12/2022	6/7/2022	

\$ 231,149.12



March 30, 2022

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

County of Riverside Clerk, Board of Supervisors Attn: CLAIMS Division 4080 Lemon Street - 5th Floor Riverside, California 92501

CLAIM FOR PARTIAL REFUND OF 2017/18 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Kinder Morgan, Inc., on behalf of SFPP, L.P., makes a claim for partial refund, in the amount of \$162,684.71, together with applicable interest, in connection with its payment of tax year 2017/2018 second installment property tax to Riverside County, as described below.

Name and Address

Taxpayer Name: Address:

City, State Zip: Attention: Email: Telephone: SFPP, L.P. Kinder Morgan, Inc. 1001 Louisiana Street Houston, TX 77002 Edward Sklark, Vice President - Property Tax Edward Sklark@kindermorgan.com 713.369.9256

Property Description

Assessed by: Tax Rate Area: Fiscal Year: Second Installment Payment: Amount of Claim: California State Board of Equalization 000-001 2017/2018 Tax Year \$276,214.16 \$162,684.71

2022-4-152467

BASIS for CLAIMED PARTIAL REFUND of PROPERTY TAX

On April 10, 2018, SFPP, L.P. ("Claimant") remitted a second installment property tax payment for tax year 2017/18, in the amount of \$276,214.16, to the County of Riverside (the "County").

This claim, filed within four (4) years of that payment, in accordance with California Revenue and Taxation Code ("Code") Section 5097, as interpreted in <u>McDougall v. County of Marin</u> (208 Cal.App.2d 65 (1962)), seeks a partial property tax refund in the amount of \$162,684.71, plus accrued interest.

Claimant is subject to the assessment jurisdiction of the California State Board of Equalization, pursuant to article XIII, section 19 of the California Constitution, which establishes that, "This [State-assessed] property shall be subject to taxation to the same extent and in the same manner as other property."

For tax year 2017/18, the County applied a (Code Section 100(b)) tax rate of 1.6612% to the assessed value of Claimant's property.

For tax year 2017/18, the County applied an (averaged Code Section 93) tax rate of 1.1720% to the assessed value of locally-assessed property.

The tax rate applied by the County to the assessed value of Claimant's property exceeded the tax rate applied by the County the assessed value of locally-assessed property.

Claimant asserts that the 2017/18 tax rate applied by the County to the assessed value of Claimant's property violated article XIII, section 19 of the California Constitution.

On that basis, Claimant contends that, as a matter of law, it is entitled to a partial refund of its second installment property tax payment for tax year 2017/18, in the amount of \$162,684.71, plus accrued interest, based on the difference between the tax rate applied by the County to the assessed value of Claimant's property and the averaged tax rate applied by the County to the assessed value of locally-assessed property.

VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

I have read the foregoing **CLAIM for PARTIAL REFUND of PROPERTY TAX** and know its contents.

I, Edward Sklark, am Vice President – Property Tax at Kinder Morgan, Inc., and am authorized to make this verification for and on behalf of SFPP, L.P., and I make this verification for that reason.

 \boxtimes I am informed and believe, and on that basis confirm, that representations in the foregoing Claim for Partial Refund of Property Tax are true and correct.

I hereby certify and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the tax amount sought to be partially refunded was paid; that the amount herein claimed is correct, and no part thereof has heretofore been refunded; and, that I am duly authorized to act on behalf of SFPP, L.P.

Executed on March $\frac{25}{2}$, 2022, at Houston, Texas

Edward R. Sklark

Vice President – Property Tax

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County of Riverside Clerk, Board of Supervisors Attn: CLAIMS Division 4080 Lemon Street - 5th Floor Riverside, California 92501

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March 31, 2022

Dear Clerk of the Board of Supervisors:

I have enclosed a claim for refund of property taxes for the 2017-18 fiscal year for Level 3 Communications LLC. The Company became an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of CenturyLink, Inc. on November 1, 2017. On September 14, 2020, CenturyLink announced a name change to Lumen Technologies. As Sr. Manager – Property Tax of Lumen Technologies, I have the authority to make this claim for refund of property tax on behalf of Level 3 Communications LLC pursuant to the enclosed Certificate of the Assistant Secretary of Level Communications LLC and also pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 5097.

I demand the Board of Supervisors make its order directing the controller to refund the claimant, Level 3 Communications LLC, the amount listed on the enclosed Claim for Refund of Property Taxes, paragraph 3, plus appropriate interest. Supporting documentation of this claim includes a copy of the original tax bill, copies of canceled checks or documentation of successful EFT or ACH deposit. (Exhibits 1 and 2)

Should you have questions concerning this claim, please contact me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Maren & Eisenach

Karen Eisenach Sr. Manager – Property Tax Lumen 1025 Eldorado Blvd Broomfield CO 80021 303-542-6445 <u>karen.eisenach@lumen.com</u>

2022-4-152528

CLAIM FOR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

To: Board of Supervisors, County of _

Nerside California.

The undersigned, as Sr. Manager – Property Tax of Lumen Technologies the claimant herein, hereby makes this claim for refund of property tax on behalf of the claimant pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 5097 and demands that the Board of Supervisors make its order directing the controller of said County to refund to claimant the sum of $\frac{68}{9464}$, $\frac{100}{1000}$ in taxes levied for the fiscal year 2017-18. In support of said claim, the undersigned states:

- Claimant is and at all times herein mentioned was Level 3 Communications, a company duly
 organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of
 business located at 100 CenturyLink Dr, Monroe, LA, 71203, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. The
 company is an indirect subsidiary of Lumen Technologies, Inc.
- 2. For fiscal year 2017-2018, the California State Board of Equalization assessed the value of claimant's unitary and nonoperating California property pursuant to its authority under Article XIII, section 19 of the California Constitution and section 721 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. Pursuant to its authority under Revenue and Taxation Code section 756, the California Board of Equalization transmitted a roll showing claimant's unitary and nonoperating property in _______ County. On the basis of said assessment and transmittal of said roll, taxes were levied on said property for said fiscal year in the sum of \$______ and _____ 12/18 (Exhibit 2).
- 3. Claimant is entitled to a refund of a portion of said taxes in the amount of \$_________, plus appropriate interest, on the grounds that said taxes were erroneously or illegally collected, or illegally assessed or levied, for the following reasons:
 - a. The property tax rate applied to compute claimant's property taxes was in excess of the rate applied in the same year to property in the county assessed by the assessor of <u>Riversola</u> County, in violation of Article XIII, section 19 of the California Constitution and *ITT World Communications v. City and County of San Francisco*, 37 Cal. 3d 859 (1985).
 - b. The property tax rate applied to compute claimant's property taxes exceeded the rate allowed by Article XIIIA, section 1 of the California Constitution.
- 4. No refund of said taxes, or any part thereof, has been previously made.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am authorized by claimant to make this claim for refund.

Dated: March 31, 2022 at 1025 Eldorado Blvd, Broomfield CO 80021

Name: Karen Eisenach

Title: <u>Sr. Manager - Property Tax</u> Signature: <u>Hanen I Eisene h</u> <u>Karen.Eisenach@lumen.com</u> 303-542-6445



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From: Sent: To: Subject: Brookman, Allison Monday, December 04, 2017⁻8:20 AM Medina, Arlena wire confirmations

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REASURER

CERTIFICATE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

The undersigned, Joan E. Randazzo, Assistant Secretary, hereby certifies as of the date hereof, solely in her capacity as an officer of Level 3 Communications, LLC (the "**Company**"), that:

- 1. I am Assistant Secretary of the Company, a Delaware limited liability company.
- 2. The Company is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- 3. The Company is an indirect subsidiary of Lumen Technologies, Inc., our Louisiana Publicly Traded Company.
- 4. That as of the date of this certificate, Karen Eisenach is employed by the Company or one of the affiliates as Senior Manager-Property Tax and has the authority to execute on behalf of the Company all documents relating to property tax filings and/or refunds of the Company as long as such actions are consistent with the Company's internal policies. This authority shall terminate on March 28, 2027.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand of the Company this 28th day of March 2022.

Level 3 Communications, LLC

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2017 Overpayment of Tax due to flaw in Sec. 100

Co. #	County	Accessed	11-11-0-1					
CO. #	1 Alameda	Assessed	Unitary Rate		Co Avg Rate	estimated tax		
	6 Colusa	40,145,192	2.1573%	866,052.23	1.2300%	493,785.86	372,266.37	
	7 Contra Costa	3,813,676	1.1182%	42,643.38	1.0760%	41,035.15	1,608.23	
	10 Fresno	6,886,103	1.5948%	109,819.57	1.1471%	78,990.67	30,828.90	
	11 Glenn	10,742,159	1.2935%	138,945.10	1.1830%	127,079.74	11,865.36	
		2,662,601	1.2422%	33,073.63	1.1020%	29,341.86	3,731.77	
	12 Humboldt	562,486	1.5397%	8,660.87	1.0920%	6,142.35	2,518.52	
	13 Imperial	9,747,698	1.5255%	148,701.13	1.1820%	115,217.79	33,483.34	
	15 Kern	17,851,791	1.4212%	253,715.54	1.2360%	220,648.14	33,067.41	
	16 Kings	2,788,875	1.2754%	35,569.70	1.0900%	30,398.74	5,170.96	
	20 Madera	2,783,218	1.1891%	33,094.30	1.0950%	30,476.24	2,618.06	
	23 Mendocino	1,069,474	1.2990%	13,892.47	1.1240%	12,020.89	1,871.58	
	24 Merced	4,557,928	1.4746%	67,211.21	1.0940%	49,863.73	17,347.47	
	27 Monterey	9,026,635	1.1090%	100,101.86	1.0930%	98,661.12	1,440.74	
	28 Napa	521,638	2.1725%	11,332.59	1.1210%	5,847.56	5,485.02	
	30 Orange	62,672,540	1.2304%	771,116.66	1.0690%	669,969.45	101,147.21	
	31 Placer	1,655,480	1.6649%	27,562.09	/ 1.0900%	18,044.73	9,517.35	/
	33 Riverside	13,994,892	1.6612%	232,484.55	1.1720%	164,020.13	68,464.41	V
	34 Sacramento	15,210,521	1.9710%	299,799.37	1.1500%	174,920.99	124,878.38	
	36 San Bernardino	31,710,261	1.3519%	428,691.02	1.1550%	366,253.51	62,437.50	
	37 San Diego	46,500,535	1.5264%	709,802.77	1.1410%	530,571.10	179,231.66	
	39 San Joaquin	5,640,762	1.5662%	88,345.61	1.1330%	63,909.83	24,435.78	
	40 San Luis Obispo	22,796,692	1.1995%	273,450.88	1.0950%	249,623.78	23,827.10	
	41 San Mateo	7,156,342	1.7664%	126,409.63	1.1180%	80,007.90	46,401.72	
	42 Santa Barbara	14,883,867	1.2339%	183,653.52	1.0750%	160,001.57	23,651.95	
	43 Santa Clara	75,444,673	2.2553%	1,701,465.99	1.2140%	915,898.33	785,567.66	
	45 Shasta	10,236,864	1.1691%	119,679.18	1.1210%	114,755.25	4,923.93	
	47 Siskiyou	2,625,589	1.1096%	29,133.54	1.0280%	26,991.05	2,142.48	
	48 Solano	5,733,630	1.6204%	92,907.74	1.1770%	67,484.83	25,422.92	
	49 Sonoma	359,261	1.7982%	6,460.23	1.1590%	4,163.83	2,296.40	
	50 Stanislaus	4,064,539	1.2974%	52,734.67	1.1050%	44,913.16	7,821.51	
	52 Tehama	4,924,522	1.0999%	54,164.82	1.0600%	52,199.93	1,964.88	
	54 Tulare	3,222,041	1.3408%	43,201.13	1.1160%	35,957.98	7,243.15	
	56 Ventura	8,684,870	1.4323%	124,395.04	1.0950%	95,099.33	29,295.72	
	57 Yolo	10,960,036	1.2200%	133,712.44	1.0729%	117,586.94	16,125.50	
		461,637,391		7,361,984.44		5,291,883.48	2,070,100.96	
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