

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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REPORTING OWNER

Cheek William E

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ISSUER

CENTURYLINK, INC

CIK: **18926** | IRS No.: **720651161** | State of Incorp.: **LA** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **4813** Telephone communications (no radiotelephone)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Check William E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) President - Wholesale Op.		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2013					
CENTURYLINK, INC., 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)								
MONROE, LA 71203								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	03/15/2013		D		276 (1)	D	\$ 0	71,802	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2013		E		1,759	D	\$34.37	70,043	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)					

Explanation of Responses:

1. In a Form 4 filed on March 10, 2010, the reporting person reported the grant of 13,789 shares of restricted stock, 6,895 of which would vest based upon achievement of performance conditions related to the issuer's total shareholder return over specified time periods. On February 26, 2013, the issuer determined that the performance conditions for the second of the two vesting dates had been satisfied at 92% and, as a result, 92% of the second tranche was vested effective March 15, 2013 pursuant to the terms of the grant and the remainder was forfeited.

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer A. D'Alessandro, as attorney-in-fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

03/19/2013

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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