

CENTURYLINK, INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PUCKETT KAREN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CENTURYLINK, INC., 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE

(Street)

MONROE, LA 71203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/20/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President, Global Markets

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/20/2015		F ⁽¹⁾		6,122	D	\$ 37.02
Common Stock	02/20/2015		D ⁽²⁾		25,677	D	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/23/2015		A ⁽³⁾		58,948	A	\$ 0
Common Stock							1,390.204
Common Stock							2,523.817
							by 401(k) Plan
							by ESOP ⁽⁵⁾

Common Stock	26.788	I	by Stock Bonus Plan <u>(5)</u>
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PUCKETT KAREN A C/O CENTURYLINK, INC. 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203			President, Global Markets	

Signatures

Hope M. Spencer, as Attorney-in-Fact for Karen A. Puckett 02/24/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Shares withheld to cover the taxes due upon the vesting of restricted stock.
- (2) On February 20, 2015 these shares of unvested restricted stock were forfeited due to a failure to achieve the applicable performance vesting condition.

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- Represents a grant of restricted stock (40% time-based and 60% performance-based). The time-based portion will vest in three equal
- (3) annual installments beginning one year from the date of grant. The performance-based portion is divided among two separate three-year performance metrics, which will vest on February 23, 2018 to the extent that the applicable metric is achieved.
 - (4) Includes 9,923.214 shares held in the Issuer's ESPP for the benefit of the Reporting Person as of the date of this report.
 - (5) This is a legacy defined contribution plan sponsored by the Issuer.

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