

PUCKETT KAREN A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
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)  
05/31/2011

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)  
Ex. VP & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/31/2011		A	45,999 (1) A \$ 0	283,235.8516 (2)	D	
Common Stock					202	I	As custodian for child
Common Stock					1,081.6711	I	By 401(k) plan
Common Stock					1,964.0393	I	By ESOP
Common Stock					20.846	I	By Stock Bonus

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Performance-vesting restricted stock units	(3)	05/31/2011		A	23,000	(3) (3)	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PUCKETT KAREN A CENTURYLINK, INC. 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203			Ex. VP & COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer A. D'Alessandro, as attorney-in-fact 06/02/2011

\*\*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) One-half of the grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on May 31, 2012, and one-half vests on May 31, 2014 based upon satisfaction of performance conditions related to the issuer's total relative shareholder return for 2011, 2012 and 2013, provided that the reporting person remains employed by the issuer over the vesting period (except in the case of death, disability or certain terminations of employment following a change of control).
- (2) Includes ESPP purchases through May 31, 2011.

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- (3) Each unit represents a contingent right to receive a share of the issuer's common stock. Vesting will occur on May 31, 2014 based upon satisfaction of performance conditions related to the issuer's total relative shareholder return for 2011, 2012 and 2013, provided that the reporting person remains employed by the issuer over the vesting period (except in the case of death, disability or certain terminations of employment following a change of control).

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