CENTURYLINK, INC Form 8-K March 05, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 5, 2012

CenturyLink, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana (State or other jurisdiction

1-7784 (Commission 72-0651161 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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100 CenturyLink Drive

Monroe, Louisiana (Address of principal executive offices) (318) 388-9000 71203 (Zip Code)

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 5, 2012, CenturyLink, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Embarq Corporation, has commenced a debt tender offer to purchase two series of its outstanding debt securities for an aggregate purchase price of up to \$1.25 billion, along with a concurrent public offering of senior debt securities of CenturyLink, Inc.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The exhibit to this current report on Form 8-K is listed in the Exhibit Index, which appears at the end of this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this current report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CenturyLink, Inc.

By: /s/ Stacey W. Goff Stacey W. Goff Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: March 5, 2012

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated March 5, 2012 announcing debt tender offer and concurrent debt offering.

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