

PUCKETT KAREN A
Form 4
March 19, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
03/15/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Ex. VP & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Common Stock	03/15/2013		D	Amount (1) 1,103	(A) or (D) D \$ 0	241,837.11 (2)	D
Common Stock	03/15/2013		F	10,230	D \$ 34.37	231,607.11 (2)	D
Common Stock					202	I	As custodian for child
Common Stock					8,940.8	I	By 401(k) plan
Common Stock					2,239.78	I	By ESOP

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Common
Stock

23.77

I

By Stock
Bonus
Plan

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 Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

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

03/19/2013

**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) In a Form 4 filed on March 10, 2010, the reporting person reported the grant of 55,157 shares of restricted stock, 27,579 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

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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.

(2) Includes ESPP purchases through February 21, 2013.

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