CENTURYLINK, INC

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

PUCKETT KAREN A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
C/O CENTURYLINK, INC., 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE			08/31/2015	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President, Global Markets			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			

MONROE, LA 71203

(City)	(State) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	ransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) lode (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) lnstr. 8) (A) or			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	08/31/2015		F <u>(1)</u>	14,588	D	\$ 27.04	266,309	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2015		D(2)	58,948	D	\$ 0	207,361 (3)	D	
Common Stock							1,436	I	by 401(k) Plan
Common Stock							2,607	I	by ESOP
Common Stock							28	I	by Stock Bonus Plan

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	Date Exe	rcisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionNumb	er Expiration	Date	Amour	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day	y/Year)	Underl	ying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	3) Deriv	ative		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Secur	ities		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acqui	red				
	•				(A) or	•				
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					of (D)					
					(Instr.	3,				
					4, and	(5)				
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						Exercisable	•	Title 1	Number	
						2.1010184010	2		of	
				Code	V (A)	(D)			Shares	

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

/s/ Hope M. Spencer, as Attorney-in-Fact for Karen A. Puckett

09/02/2015

**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 August 31, 2015, these shares of unvested restricted stock were forfeited due to the Reporting Person's retirement.
- (3) Includes 9,924 shares held in the Issuer's ESPP for the benefit of the Reporting Person as of the date of this report.

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