

CENTURYLINK, INC

Form 4

February 25, 2016

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 *
POST GLEN F III

(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)
02/23/2016

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)

CEO & President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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	02/23/2016		A ⁽¹⁾	325,817	A \$ 0	1,343,843	D
Common Stock	02/23/2016		D ⁽²⁾	47,335	D \$ 0	1,296,508	D
Common Stock	02/23/2016		F ⁽³⁾	13,764	D \$ 29.25	1,282,744 ⁽⁴⁾	D
Common Stock						14,103	I by 401(k) Plan
Common Stock						36,662	I by ESOP ⁽⁵⁾

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Common Stock	10,433	I	by PAYSOP (5)
Common Stock	89,724	I	by Stock Bonus Plan (5)

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				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
POST GLEN F III C/O CENTURYLINK, INC. 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203	X CEO & President

Signatures

/s/ Hope M. Spencer, Attorney-in-Fact for Glen F.
Post, III

02/25/2016

__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).

Represents a grant of restricted stock (40% time-based and 60% performance-based). The time-based portion will vest in three equal

- (1) 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, 2019 to the extent that the applicable metric is achieved.
- (2) These shares of unvested restricted stock were forfeited due to a failure to achieve a specific level of performance required for vesting.
- (3) Shares withheld to cover the taxes due upon the vesting of restricted stock.
- (4) Includes 1,402 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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