CENTURYLINK, INC

Form 4

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1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

10/27/2016

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading PERRY HARVEY P Issuer Symbol CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O CENTURYLINK, INC., 100 10/27/2016 below) CENTURYLINK DRIVE (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting MONROE, LA 71203 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 10/27/2016 $S^{(1)}$ \$ 32 77,607 5,000 D D Stock

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PERRY HARVEY P							
C/O CENTURYLINK, INC.	X						
100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE							
MONROE, LA 71203							

Signatures

/s/ Hope M. Spencer, as Attorney-in-Fact for Harvey P.
Perry 10/31/2016

**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).
- (1) The transaction reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the Reporting Person.
- (2) Includes 1,172 shares acquired through the Issuer's DRIP since the Reporting Person's last Section 16 filing.

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