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Common

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cheek William E			suer Name and ol	Ticker or Tradin	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
			CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	fiddle) 3. Dat	e of Earliest Tr	ansaction						
		(Mont	h/Day/Year)			Director	10			
CENTURYLINK, INC., 100			2/2012		_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify					
CENTURYI	LINK DRIVE					below) Presid	below) ent - Wholesale	Op.		
(Street)			mendment, Da	te Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check					
		Filed(Month/Day/Year)		Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	1 0			
MONROE,	LA 71203					Form filed by Person	More than One R	Reporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) T	able I - Non-D	erivative Securi	ties Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date,	if Transaction	TransactionAcquired (A) or		Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Ye	ar) (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership		
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
				(A)		Reported				
				or		Transaction(s)				
			Code V	Amount (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				

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.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cheek William E CENTURYLINK, INC. 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203

President - Wholesale Op.

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer A. D'Alessandro, as attorney-in-fact

03/12/2012

**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) This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

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