

CENTURYLINK, INC

Form 4

February 24, 2014

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Cheek William E

(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)
02/20/2014

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 below) ____ Other (specify
below)

President - Wholesale Op.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	02/20/2014		F		792	D \$ 31.12	86,101 D
Common Stock	02/20/2014		A		24,867 (1)	A \$ 0	110,968 D
Common Stock	02/20/2014		D		5,750 (2)	D \$ 0	105,218 D
Common Stock							874.498 I

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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 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 or Number of Shares	

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 02/24/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- 40% of the grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 20, 2015; 30% vests on February 20, 2017 based upon satisfaction of performance conditions related to the issuer's revenue for 2014, 2015 and 2016; and 30% vests on February 20, 2017 based upon satisfaction of conditions related to the issuer's total relative shareholder return for 2014, 2015 and 2016; in each case provided that the reporting person remains employed by the issuer over the vesting period (except in the case of death, disability or certain terminations of employment following a change of control).

- In a Form 4 filed on June 2, 2011, the reporting person reported the grant of 11,500 shares of restricted stock, 5,750 of which would vest based upon achievement of performance conditions related to the issuer's total shareholder return over specified time periods. On February 20, 2014, the issuer determined that the performance conditions had not been satisfied and, as a result, the performance-vesting shares were forfeited.

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