

CENTURYLINK, INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *      |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Varma Girish                                 |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL]   |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle)                             | 11/01/2014   |  |
| C/O CENTURYLINK, INC., Â 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                       |         |                                      |  | (Check all applicable)   |
| MONROE, Â LA Â 71203                           |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|  |         |                                      | President, Global IT Services  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 50,299.0045 <sup>(1)</sup>                            | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|                                      | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Employee stock option (right to buy) | Â (2)            | 09/25/2016      | Common Stock | 9,152                      | \$ 53.25 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee stock option (right to buy) | Â (2)            | 03/05/2017      | Common Stock | 13,145                     | \$ 51.21 | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| Varma Girish<br>C/O CENTURYLINK, INC.<br>100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE<br>MONROE, LA 71203 | Â             | Â         | Â President, Global IT Services | Â     |

## Signatures

Hope M. Spencer, as Attorney-in-Fact for Girish Varma 11/06/2014

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Of this number, 18,324 are unvested time-based shares of restricted stock and 31,799 are unvested performance-based shares of restricted stock.
- (2) This option is currently fully exercisable.

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