

PATEL SUNIT S  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PATEL SUNIT S

(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)  
11/01/2017

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)  
Executive Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/01/2017		A	644,892	A (1) 644,892	D	
Common Stock	11/01/2017		A	533,699	A (2) 1,178,591	D	
Common Stock	11/01/2017		D	387,437	D \$ 17.85 791,154 (3)	D	
Common Stock	11/01/2017		A(4)	77,742	A \$ 0 868,896	D	
Common Stock	11/01/2017		A(5)	67,377	A \$ 0 936,273	D	

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Common Stock	11/01/2017	A	8,538	A	Ⓛ	8,538	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock	11/01/2017	A	1,428	A	Ⓛ	1,428	I	By IRA

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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PATEL SUNIT S C/O CENTURYLINK, INC. 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203			Executive Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Hope M. Spencer at Attorney-in-Fact for Sunit S. Patel  
Date: 11/03/2017

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) On November 1, 2017, the Issuer acquired Level 3 Communications, Inc. ("Level 3" and such acquisition, the "Merger") pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") by and among the Issuer, Level 3, Wildcat Merger Sub I LLC and WWG

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Merger Sub LLC. Upon the Effective Time (as defined in the Merger Agreement), each outstanding Level 3 common share held by the Reporting Person was converted into the right to receive (a) \$26.50 in cash, without interest, and (b) 1.4286 shares of the Issuer's common stock, with cash paid in lieu of fractional shares.

- (2) Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, at the Effective Time, each outstanding Level 3 restricted stock unit award was converted into a restricted stock unit award (the "RSUs") relating to a number of shares of the Issuer's common stock (rounded up to the nearest whole share) equal to the product of (a) 2.8386 (the Equity Award Exchange Ratio, calculated as provided in the Merger Agreement) multiplied by (b) the number of Level 3 common shares subject to the award immediately prior to the Effective Time.
- (3) Effective immediately following the Merger, pursuant to an agreement between the Issuer and the Reporting Person, these RSUs were fully vested and converted to a deferred cash award, which will pay out in accordance with the original award payout schedule.
- (4) Represents a grant of restricted stock that will vest on November 1, 2020, with payout ranging between 0-200% based on the level of achievement on two separate but equally-weighted performance criteria (one qualitative and one quantitative).
- (5) Represents a grant of restricted stock that will vest on November 1, 2018.

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