

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)

|  |         |                                      |  |  |
|--|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *      |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                                |  |
| Â Trezise Scott                                |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL]   |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle)                             | 08/27/2013   |  |
| 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 |
|  |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|  |         |                                      | EVP Human Resources  |  |

**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                    | 14,161 <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) |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Treize Scott<br>C/O CENTURYLINK, INC.<br>100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE<br>MONROE, LA 71203 | ^             | ^         | ^ EVP Human Resources | ^     |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| /s/ Jennifer A. D'Alessandro, as attorney-in-fact | 08/27/2013 |
| **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) One-half of the grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on May 23, 2014, and one-half vests on May 23, 2016 based upon satisfaction of performance conditions related to the issuer's revenue and total relative shareholder return for 2013, 2014 and 2015, 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).

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