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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Varma Girish

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/01/2014

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O CENTURYLINK. INC., 100 CENTURYLINK

DRIVE

(Street)

Director

_X__ Officer

10% Owner

Other (give title below) (specify below) President, Global IT Services

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

MONROE, LAÂ 71203

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Amount of Securities 3.

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

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Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock 50,299.0045 (1) D

SEC 1473 (7-02)

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)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

5. 4. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

Security:

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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)	(2)	09/25/2016	Common Stock	9,152	\$ 53.25	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	(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					
C/O CENTURYLINK, INC.	â	â	President, Global IT Services	â	
100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE	A	A	A Flesident, Global II Services	A	
MONROE, LA 71203					

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 exerciseable.

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