
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 21, 2013

CenturyLink, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-7784
(Commission
File Number)

72-0651161
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, Louisiana**
(Address of principal executive offices)

71203
(Zip Code)

(318) 388-9000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) James E. Ousley, Chief Executive Officer, Savvis Operations, will retire effective April 1, 2013. A press release announcing his retirement is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The exhibits to this current report on Form 8-K are listed in the Exhibit Index, which appears at the end of this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CenturyLink, Inc.

By: /s/ Stacey W. Goff

Stacey W. Goff
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: March 25, 2013

Exhibit Index

**Exhibit
No.**

Description

99.1	Press Release Announcing the Retirement of James E. Ousley dated March 21, 2013
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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 21, 2013

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CENTURYLINK ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT

MONROE, La....CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) announced today that Jim Ousley, chief executive officer of Savvis, a CenturyLink company, has decided to retire from the company effective April 1, 2013.

Ousley's role as senior leader of CenturyLink's Data Hosting segment (primarily Savvis operations) will be filled by Jeff Von Deylen, whose title will remain president of Savvis.

"Since our Savvis merger, CenturyLink has become a recognized global leader in managed hosting and cloud services thanks in part to the efforts of Savvis employees and leaders like Jim Ousley and Jeff Von Deylen," said Glen F. Post, III, CenturyLink chief executive officer and president. "We will miss Jim's presence and wish him well as he heads into retirement, and we look forward to continued growth and success in our Data Hosting segment under Jeff's leadership."

Von Deylen was named Savvis president in November 2012. He joined the organization in 2003 as chief financial officer and a board member. He will report directly to Post effective April 1.

Ousley was appointed chairman and chief executive officer of Savvis in March 2010. He served as non-executive chairman of Savvis from 2006 to 2010. He first joined Savvis as a member of its Board of Directors in 2002.

About Savvis

Savvis, a CenturyLink company, provides industry-leading IT infrastructure solutions that keep enterprises powered for business in today's ever-changing global marketplace. Combining deep, proven experience with personal commitment, Savvis delivers cloud, colocation and managed-hosting services over advanced networks, enabling its clients to focus on their core environments and meet new market opportunities.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States and is recognized as a leader in the network services market by technology industry analyst firms. The company is a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprise customers. CenturyLink provides data, voice and managed services in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers for businesses and consumers. The company also offers advanced entertainment services under the CenturyLink TM Prism TM TV and DIRECTV brands. Headquartered in Monroe, La., CenturyLink is an S&P 500 company and is included among the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations.

For more information, visit www.savvis.com or www.centurylink.com.