

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>HANKS WILLIAM BRUCE</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>C/O CENTURYLINK, INC., 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE</b>  (Street) <b>MONROE, LA 71203</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CENTURYLINK, INC [ CTL ]</b>  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>5/24/2018</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Lead Independent Director</b>
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	5/24/2018		A (U)		8744	A	\$0.00	67466	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

(1) This grant of restricted stock will vest on May 24, 2019.

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HANKS WILLIAM BRUCE C/O CENTURYLINK, INC. 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203	X			Lead Independent Director

Signatures

/s/Hope M. Spencer, as Attorney-in-Fact for William Bruce Hanks

5/25/2018

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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