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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
May 14, 2013**

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**CenturyLink, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Louisiana**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-7784**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**72-0651161**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**Qwest Communications International Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-15577**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**84-1339282**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**Qwest Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Colorado**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-03040**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**84-0273800**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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

**71203**  
(Zip Code of each Registrant)

**(318) 388-9000**  
(Telephone number, including area code, of each Registrant)

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

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On May 14, 2013, CenturyLink, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, Qwest Corporation, agreed to sell \$750 million aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Notes due 2053. Qwest Corporation also granted the underwriters an option to acquire up to an additional \$25 million principal amount of these notes solely to cover over-allotments.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

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

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, CenturyLink, Inc., Qwest Communications International Inc. and Qwest Corporation have duly caused this current report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned officer hereunto duly authorized.

### **CenturyLink, Inc.**

By: /s/ Stacey W. Goff  
Stacey W. Goff  
Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

### **Qwest Communications International Inc.**

By: /s/ Stacey W. Goff  
Stacey W. Goff  
Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

### **Qwest Corporation**

By: /s/ Stacey W. Goff  
Stacey W. Goff  
Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: May 14, 2013

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## Exhibit Index

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated May 14, 2013 announcing the pricing of Qwest Corporation's debt offering.



# News Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

May 14, 2013

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**QWEST CORPORATION AGREES TO SELL DEBT SECURITIES**

**MONROE, La. . . . CenturyLink (CenturyLink, Inc., NYSE: CTL)** announced today that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Qwest Corporation, agreed to sell \$750 million aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Notes due 2053. Qwest also granted the underwriters of this offering an option to acquire up to an additional \$25 million principal amount of these notes to cover over-allotments. The closing of this offering is expected to occur on May 23, 2013.

Qwest intends to apply to list the notes on the New York Stock Exchange. If the application is approved, Qwest expects trading in the notes to begin within 30 days after the initial issuance of the notes.

Qwest intends to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with available cash, to retire at maturity all \$750 million aggregate principal amount of its outstanding Floating Rate Notes due June 15, 2013, including accrued and unpaid interest thereon.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, UBS Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are the joint book-running managers for this offering. Qwest is offering the notes pursuant to its existing shelf registration statement, which became automatically effective upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Qwest will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus describing the terms of this offering. When available, copies of the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus for this offering may be obtained from: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated toll free at 1-800-294-1322, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC toll free at 1-800-584-6837, UBS Securities LLC toll free at 1-877-827-6444 ext. 561-3884 or Wells Fargo Securities, LLC toll free at 1-800-326-5897. This press release is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, and this offering will not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

***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® Prism™ 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.centurylink.com](http://www.centurylink.com).

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**Forward Looking Statements**

*This press release includes certain forward-looking statements, estimates and projections that are based on current expectations only, and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, many of which are beyond the control of CenturyLink and Qwest. Actual events and results may differ materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected if one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect. Factors that could affect actual results include but are not limited to the possibility that corporate developments that could preclude, impair or delay the above-described offering due to restrictions under the federal securities laws; changes in Qwest's credit ratings; changes in Qwest's cash requirements or financial position; changes in general market, economic, tax, regulatory or industry conditions that impact the ability or willingness of Qwest to consummate the above-described offering on the terms described above or at all; Qwest's continued access to credit markets on favorable terms; and other risks referenced from time to time in CenturyLink's or Qwest's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. There can be no assurances that the above-described offering will be consummated on the terms described above or at all. You should be aware that new factors may emerge from time to time and it is not possible for CenturyLink or Qwest to identify all such factors, nor can CenturyLink or Qwest predict the impact of each such factor on its plans, or the extent to which any one or more factors may cause actual results to differ from those reflected in any forward-looking statements. You are further cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Neither CenturyLink nor Qwest undertakes any obligation to update any of its forward-looking statements for any reason.*