

# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
<b>MUELLER EDWARD A</b>	<b>CENTURYLINK, INC [ CTL ]</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
<b>CENTURYLINK, INC., 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE</b>	<b>5/2/2011</b>	
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
<b>MONROE, LA 71203</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		<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	5/2/2011		M		10000	A	\$31.98	752391	D	
Common Stock	5/2/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		23500	D	\$41.3809 <sup>(2)</sup>	728891	D	
Common Stock								4157	I	By 401(k) plan <sup>(3)</sup>

**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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock option (right to buy)	\$31.98	5/2/2011		M			10000	(4)	3/5/2018	Common Stock	10000	(5)	208918	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 25, 2011.
- (2) The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$41.22 to \$41.41, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this Form 4.
- (3) Based on plan holdings as of April 26, 2011.
- (4) The option is fully vested.
- (5) Received in the merger between Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest"), the issuer and SB44 Acquisition Company in exchange for a stock option to acquire 1,556,000 shares of Qwest common stock for \$5.32 per share.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>MUELLER EDWARD A CENTURYLINK, INC. 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203</b>	<b>X</b>			

#### Signatures

/s/ Jennifer A. D'Alessandro, as attorney-in-fact

5/3/2011

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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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