

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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>Hussain Aamir</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>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>EVP, Chief Technology Officer</b>
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>2/21/2018</b>		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
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		

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	2/21/2018		F (1)		2576	D	\$17.90	425626	D	
Common Stock	2/21/2018		A (2)		156147	A	\$0.00	581773	D	
Common Stock	2/21/2018		D (3)		13422	D	\$0.00	568351	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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

#### Explanation of Responses:

- Shares withheld to cover the taxes due upon the vesting of time-based restricted stock.
- Represents a grant of restricted stock (40% time-based and 60% performance-based). The time-based portion will vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the date of grant. Vesting of the performance-based portion is dependent upon the extent to which the two-year performance metric is achieved, with any earned shares vesting in two equal installments on February 21 of each of 2020 and 2021.
- These shares of unvested restricted stock were forfeited due to a failure to achieve a specific level of performance required for vesting.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Hussain Aamir</b> <b>C/O CENTURYLINK, INC.</b> <b>100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE</b> <b>MONROE, LA 71203</b>			<b>EVP, Chief Technology Officer</b>	

#### Signatures

/s/ Hope M. Spencer, as Attorney-in-Fact for Aamir Hussain

2/23/2018

\*\*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).

**\*\*** 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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