

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No.    )**

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**CENTURYLINK, INC.**

(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***  
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 20, 2020.**

**CENTURYLINK, INC.**



CENTURYLINK, INC.  
100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE  
MONROE, LA 71203

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 26, 2020  
**Date:** May 20, 2020 **Time:** 10:00 AM CDT  
**Location:** CenturyLink Auditorium  
CenturyLink Headquarters  
100 CenturyLink Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. **You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), scan the QR Barcode on the reverse side, or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).**

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

# Before You Vote

## How to Access the Proxy Materials

### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      ANNUAL REPORT

#### How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), or scan the QR Barcode below.

#### How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) BY INTERNET: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) BY E-MAIL\*: [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) in the subject line.

**Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 6, 2020 to facilitate timely delivery.**

## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods



**SCAN TO**  
**VIEW MATERIALS & VOTE**



**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or from a smartphone, scan the QR Barcode above. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Telephone:** You can vote by telephone by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card and instructions on how to vote by telephone.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Shareholder Meeting Registration:** To vote and/or attend the meeting, go to the "Register for Meeting" link at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). As discussed further in its proxy materials, the Company reserves the right to announce alternate meeting attendance options or restrictions or to adjourn or reschedule the meeting in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

### Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

1. Elect 11 directors.
  - 1a. Martha H. Bejar
  - 1b. Virginia Boulet
  - 1c. Peter C. Brown
  - 1d. Kevin P. Chilton
  - 1e. Steven T. Clontz
  - 1f. T. Michael Glenn
  - 1g. W. Bruce Hanks
  - 1h. Hal S. Jones
  - 1i. Michael J. Roberts
  - 1j. Laurie A. Siegel
  - 1k. Jeffrey K. Storey

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2, 3 and 4.

2. Ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent auditor for 2020.
3. Amend our 2018 Equity Incentive Plan.
4. Advisory vote to approve our executive compensation.
5. In their discretion to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

**NOTE:** If you plan to attend the meeting and would like directions, please visit our website, <http://fr.centurylink.com>.

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