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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Chilton Kevin P. Issuer Symbol CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O CENTURYLINK, INC., 100 11/01/2017 below) CENTURYLINK DRIVE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MONROE, LA 71203 (City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D) P	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(IIIStr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/01/2017		A	35,508	Α (1	<u>1)</u>	35,508	D		
Common Stock	11/01/2017		A(2)	4,224	A \$	80	39,732	D		

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

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director Chilton Kevin P. C/O CENTURYLINK, INC. X 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203

Signatures

/s/ Hope M. Spencer as Attorney-in-Fact for Kevin P. Chilton

11/03/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- 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).

On November 1, 2017, the Issuer acquired Level 3 Communications, Inc. ("Level 3") pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") by and among the Issuer, Level 3, Wildcat Merger Sub I LLC and WWG Merger Sub LLC. Upon the Effective Time (as defined in the Merger Agreement), each outstanding Level 3 common share held by the Reporting Person was converted into the right to receive (a) \$26.50 in cash, without interest, and (b) 1.4286 shares of the Issuer's common stock, with cash paid in lieu of

- fractional shares (together, the "Merger Consideration"). In addition, due to his service as a non-employee member of the board of directors of Level 3 immediately prior to the Effective Time, each outstanding Level 3 restricted stock unit award held by the Reporting Person was cancelled at the Effective Time in exchange for the Merger Consideration per Level 3 common share covered by such award, in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement.
- (2) Represents a grant of restricted stock that will vest on May 25, 2018.

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