ZIMMEL JOSEPH

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ZIMMEL JOSEPH

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Other (specify

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title

159 PARSONAGE

(Month/Day/Year) 05/31/2011

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

GREENWICH, CT 06830

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) anv

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(D) Price

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

(City)

05/31/2011

Code V Amount 2,396 20,513.9559 \$0 A

D (2)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerci Expiration Da		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monus Day/Tear)	execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Y e		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)		Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ZIMMEL JOSEPH 159 PARSONAGE GREENWICH, CT 06830	X						

Signatures

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

**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).
- (1) The grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on May 31, 2012.
- (2) Includes DRIP purchases through May 31, 2011.

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