

ZIMMEL JOSEPH  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(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 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
159 PARSONAGE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/12/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

GREENWICH, CT 06830

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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	11/12/2012		M		1,667	A	\$ 29.38
Common Stock	11/12/2012		M		6,000	A	\$ 32.18
Common Stock	11/12/2012		M		6,000	A	\$ 29.7
Common Stock	11/12/2012		S		10,938	D	\$ 39.0548

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.38	11/12/2012		M	1,667	01/01/2004 01/01/2013	Common Stock	1,667
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.18	11/12/2012		M	6,000	05/09/2004 05/09/2013	Common Stock	6,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.7	11/12/2012		M	6,000	05/07/2005 05/07/2014	Common Stock	6,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

11/13/2012

\_\_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) Includes DRIP purchases through May 29, 2012.

The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$39.05 to \$39.07, 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.

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