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# 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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- Definitive Proxy Statement
- Definitive Additional Materials
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### CENTURYLINK, INC.

(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 23, 2018**

*CENTURYLINK, INC.*

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**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** April 06, 2018

**Date:** May 23, 2018      **Time:** 10:00 AM CDT

**Location:** Corporate Conference Room  
CenturyLink Headquarters  
100 CenturyLink Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203

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

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) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

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

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— Before You Vote —  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. Notice & Proxy Statement      2. Annual Report

**How to View Online:**

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- 1) *BY INTERNET:*      [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE:*    1-800-579-1639
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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 09, 2018 to facilitate timely delivery.

— How To Vote —

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a “*legal proxy*.” To do so, please follow the instructions at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. 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.

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

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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following:**

**1. Election of Directors**

**Nominees**

- 01 Martha H. Bejar    02 Virginia Boulet    03 Peter C. Brown    04 Kevin P. Chilton    05 Steven T. Clontz  
06 T. Michael Glenn    07 W. Bruce Hanks    08 Mary L. Landrieu    09 Harvey P. Perry    10 Glen F. Post, III  
11 Michael J. Roberts    12 Laurie A. Siegel    13 Jeffrey K. Storey

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):**

- 2** Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent auditor for 2018.  
**3** Approve our 2018 Equity Incentive Plan.  
**4** Advisory Vote to approve our executive compensation.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal(s):**

- 5a** Shareholder proposal regarding our lobbying activities.  
**5b** Shareholder proposal regarding our billing practices.



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**NOTE:** Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.  
If you plan to attend the meeting and would like directions, please visit our website,  
<http://ir.centurylink.com>.

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**Voting Instructions**

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