

CENTURYLINK, INC  
Form 8-K  
July 26, 2018

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):**

**July 26, 2018**

**CenturyLink, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Louisiana**  
**(State or other jurisdiction)**

**1-7784**  
**(Commission)**

**72-0651161**  
**(IRS Employer)**

| <b>of incorporation)</b>                        | <b>File Number)</b>  | <b>Identification No.)</b> |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| <b>100 CenturyLink Drive</b>                    |  |                            |
| <b>Monroe, Louisiana</b>                        |  | <b>71203</b>               |
| <b>(Address of principal executive offices)</b> | <b>(318) 388-9000</b>                                      | <b>(Zip Code)</b>          |
|   | <b>(Registrants telephone number, including area code)</b> |                            |

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))  
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 26, 2018, CenturyLink, Inc. ( CenturyLink ) issued a press release announcing a change in the tax treatment of dividends paid to its shareholders in 2017. For additional information, please see a copy of the press release, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Forward-Looking Statements

*Except for historical and factual information, the matters set forth in this Current Report on Form 8-K identified by words such as will, should, expects, anticipates, believes, plans, intends, and similar expressions are forward-looking statements as defined by the federal securities laws, and are subject to the safe harbor protections thereunder. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future results and are based on current expectations only, and are subject to various uncertainties. Actual events and results may differ materially from those anticipated by us in those statements. We may change our intentions or plans discussed in our forward-looking statements without notice at any time and for any reason.*

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) The following exhibit is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|--------------------|--|
| 99.1               | <u>Press release dated July 26, 2018, announcing a change in the tax treatment of dividends paid to CenturyLink s shareholders in 2017</u> |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, CenturyLink, Inc. has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned officer hereunto duly authorized.

**CenturyLink, Inc.**

By: /s/ Stacey W. Goff  
Stacey W. Goff  
Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: July 26, 2018