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(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)CodeVAmount(A) or (D)Price Common Stock08/14/2012 S 600 D \$ 42.67 20,364.4989 (1) D Common  
Stock08/14/2012 S 1,646 D \$ 42.73 18,718.4989 (1) D Common Stock 5,113.2712 I By 401(k) plan

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nature of Derivative Security Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Moreau Maxine L C/O CENTURYLINK, INC. 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203			SVP - Network Services	

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer A. D'Alessandro, as attorney-in-fact 08/16/2012

\*\*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 ESPP purchases through August 15, 2012.

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