CENTURYLINK, INC Form 8-K March 25, 2013

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): March 21, 2013

CenturyLink, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-7784 (Commission 72-0651161 (IRS Employer

File Number)

Identification No.)

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100 CenturyLink Drive

Monroe, Louisiana (Address of principal executive offices) 71203 (Zip Code)

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(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) James E. Ousley, Chief Executive Officer, Savvis Operations, will retire effective April 1, 2013. A press release announcing his retirement is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The exhibits to this current report on Form 8-K are listed in the Exhibit Index, which appears at the end of this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CenturyLink, Inc.

By: /s/ Stacey W. Goff Stacey W. Goff Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: March 25, 2013

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release Announcing the Retirement of James E. Ousley dated March 21, 2013

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