

CENTURYLINK, INC  
Form 8-K  
March 05, 2012

**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 5, 2012**

**CenturyLink, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-7784**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**72-0651161**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**100 CenturyLink Drive**

**Monroe, Louisiana**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(318) 388-9000**

**71203**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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- 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))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On March 5, 2012, CenturyLink, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Embarq Corporation, has commenced a debt tender offer to purchase two series of its outstanding debt securities for an aggregate purchase price of up to \$1.25 billion, along with a concurrent public offering of senior debt securities of CenturyLink, Inc.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

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

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this current 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 5, 2012

**Exhibit Index**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated March 5, 2012 announcing debt tender offer and concurrent debt offering.