

CENTURYLINK, INC
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CenturyLink, Inc.

\$1,000,000,000 7.5% Senior Notes, Series Y, due 2024

Pricing Term Sheet

Date: March 22, 2016

This pricing term sheet supplements the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement of CenturyLink, Inc., dated March 22, 2016, relating to the securities described below. This pricing term sheet should be read together with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, and supersedes the information in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement to the extent inconsistent with the information in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement.

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| Issuer: | CenturyLink, Inc. |
| Security: | 7.5% Senior Notes, Series Y, due 2024 (the Notes) |
| Principal Amount: | \$1,000,000,000 |
| Maturity: | April 1, 2024 |
| Coupon: | 7.5% |
| Issue Price: | 100% |
| Yield to Maturity: | 7.5% |
| Spread to Treasury: | +567 basis points |
| Benchmark Treasury: | UST 2.5% due May 15, 2024 |
| Interest Payment Dates: | April 1 and October 1, commencing October 1, 2016 |
| Interest Calculation Convention: | 30 / 360 |
| Denominations: | \$2,000 minimum x \$1,000 |
| Optional Redemption: | At any time prior to January 1, 2024 at greater of Par and Make-Whole at discount rate of Treasury plus 50 basis points and, thereafter, at Par, in each case, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. |
| Optional Redemption with Equity Proceeds: | At any time on or prior to April 1, 2019, the Issuer may redeem up to 35% of the principal amount of the Notes at a redemption price equal to 107.5% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings. |
| Change of Control Put: | 101% plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any |
| Anticipated Ratings (Moody s / S&P / Fitch)* | (Ba3 / BB / BB+) |
| Trade Date: | March 22, 2016 |
| Settlement Date: | T+10; April 6, 2016 |

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Joint Book-Running Managers: J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

Barclays Capital Inc.

Mizuho Securities USA Inc.

Co-Managers: SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.
Fifth Third Securities, Inc.

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.

Regions Securities LLC

U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

*Note: A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

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