

OUSLEY JAMES E  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
OUSLEY JAMES E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CENTURYLINK, INC [CTL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
CENTURYLINK, INC., 100  
CENTURYLINK DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/25/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Exec Officer-Savvis Ops

MONROE, LA 71203

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/25/2011		M		4,105 A \$ 9.2	D	
Common Stock	08/25/2011		M		15,314 A \$ 10.22	D	
Common Stock	08/25/2011		M		100,000 A \$ 16.18	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- (1) The option is fully vested.

Received pursuant to the agreement and plan of merger among SAVVIS, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Savvis"), CenturyLink, Inc., a Louisiana corporation ("CenturyLink"), and Mimi Acquisition Company, a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of

- (2) CenturyLink ("Merger Sub"), pursuant to which Merger Sub merged with and into Savvis (the "Merger"), in exchange for a stock option to acquire 4,000 shares of Savvis common stock for \$9.435 per share.
- (3) Received in the Merger in exchange for a stock option to acquire 14,922 shares of Savvis common stock for \$10.48 per share.
- (4) Received in the Merger in exchange for a stock option to acquire 500,000 shares of Savvis common stock for \$16.60 per share.

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