

CENTURYLINK, INC
Form 8-K
June 08, 2011

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**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):

June 8, 2011

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.)

Qwest Communications International Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-15577

(Commission
File Number)

84-1339282

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Qwest Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Colorado

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-03040

(Commission
File Number)

84-0273800

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

100 CenturyLink Drive

Monroe, Louisiana

(Address of principal executive offices of each
Registrant)

71203

(Zip Code of each Registrant)

(318) 388-9000

(Telephone number, including area code, of each Registrant)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 8, 2011, Qwest Corporation (QC), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of both CenturyLink, Inc. (CenturyLink) and CenturyLink's wholly owned subsidiary, Qwest Communications International Inc. (QCII), publicly sold \$661,250,000 aggregate principal amount of 7.375% Notes due 2051 (the Notes), including \$86,250,000 principal amount that was sold pursuant an over-allotment option granted to the underwriters for the transaction.

The public offering price of the Notes was 100% of the principal amount. After deducting underwriting discounts and QC's estimated expenses, QC expects to receive net proceeds from the sale of approximately \$643 million. QC intends to use these net proceeds, together with borrowings from CenturyLink, to provide the total amount of funds required to redeem \$825 million aggregate principal amount of QC's 7.875% Notes due 2011, and to pay related fees and expenses.

The Notes were sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement dated June 1, 2011 among QC and the underwriters listed therein (the Underwriting Agreement), and a related price determination agreement dated June 1, 2011 among the same parties (the Price Determination Agreement). The Notes have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-156101-03), filed by QCII, QC and certain of their affiliates with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 12, 2008, as supplemented by a prospectus supplement dated June 1, 2011 (together, the Registration Statement).

The Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture dated as of October 15, 1999 between QC and Bank of New York Trust Company, National Association (as successor in interest to Bank One Trust Company, National Association), as heretofore amended and supplemented, including by the Seventh Supplemental Indenture between QC and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, dated as of June 8, 2011 (the Supplemental Indenture). The Notes are listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange. QC will pay interest on the Notes quarterly in arrears on March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 of each year, beginning September 1, 2011. QC may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at any time on and after June 1, 2016 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. The Notes are QC's senior unsecured obligations and will rank senior to any of its future subordinated debt and rank equally in right of payment with all of its existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt.

The above descriptions are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement, the Price Determination Agreement, the form of the Supplemental Indenture and the form of the Notes, copies of which are filed as exhibits hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Each of these exhibits (as well as the opinion of counsel also filed as an exhibit hereto), is incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

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, CenturyLink, QCII and QC have duly caused this current report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CenturyLink, Inc.

By: /s/ Stacey W. Goff

Stacey W. Goff
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

Qwest Communications International Inc.

By: /s/ Stacey W. Goff

Stacey W. Goff
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Qwest Corporation

By: /s/ Stacey W. Goff

Stacey W. Goff
Executive Vice President and
General Counsel

Dated: June 8, 2011

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| 1.1 | Underwriting Agreement, dated June 1, 2011, between Qwest Corporation and the underwriters named therein. |
| 1.2 | Price Determination Agreement, dated June 1, 2011, between Qwest Corporation and the underwriters named therein. |
| (4.1) | Form of Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 8, 2011, between Qwest Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association (incorporated by reference to Qwest Corporation's Form 8-A filed June 7, 2011, File No. 001-03040). |
| (4.2) | Form of 7.375% Note due 2051 (included in Exhibit 4.1). |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Margaret McCandless, Associate General Counsel of CenturyLink, Inc. |
| 23.1 | Consent of Margaret McCandless (included in Exhibit 5.1). |
| () | Previously filed. |