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CenturyLink Chairman of the Board William A. Owens Named to 2011 NACD Directorship 100

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MONROE, La., Nov. 7, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) Chairman of the Board William A. Owens has been named to the National Association of Corporate Directors' (NACD) 2011 Directorship 100, in recognition of his work promoting the highest standards of corporate governance.

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"The D100 honorees represent the most influential leaders whose decisions impact both Wall Street and Main Street and echo around the globe," said **Kenneth Daly**, president and CEO of NACD. "As the voice of the director, it is important for NACD to help set the standard by recognizing these visionaries as examples to others."

The honorees distinguish the most influential leaders in the boardroom and the corporate governance community. Honorees have demonstrated their commitment to upholding the highest standards and best practices in corporate governance, as well as helping to promote NACD's initiatives to further boardroom diversity.

The methodology to determine the NACD Directorship 100 finalists includes a review of quantitative results from an NACD Directorship survey including NACD members, search engine rankings, and qualitative measures including peer input from NACD chapters, expert review, major media references, and review by an editorial advisory board for each of the more than 1,000 nominations.

To view the full list of 2011 NACD Directorship 100 honorees, please visit <http://www.NACDOnline.org/2011-D100-Honorees>.

About NACD

The National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) is the only membership organization delivering the information and insights that corporate board members need to confidently confront complex business challenges and enhance shareowner value. With more than 11,000 members, NACD advances exemplary board leadership. NACD is focused on creating more effective and efficient boards through director-led education and peer forums to share ideas and leading practices based on more than 30 years of primary research. Fostering collaboration among directors and governance stakeholders, NACD is shaping the future of board leadership. To learn more about NACD, visit <http://www.NACDonline.org>. To join, please contact Kelly Dodd at <mailto:kkdodd@NACDonline.org> or 202-380-1891.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States. The company provides broadband, voice, wireless and managed services to consumers and businesses across the country. It also offers advanced entertainment services under the CenturyLink™ Prism™ TV and DIRECTV brands. In addition, the company provides data, voice and managed services to enterprise, government and wholesale customers in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers. CenturyLink is recognized as a leader in the network services market by key technology industry analyst firms, and is a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprises through Savvis, a CenturyLink company. CenturyLink's customers range from Fortune 500 companies in some of the country's largest cities to families living in rural America. Headquartered in Monroe, La., CenturyLink is an S&P 500 company and is included among the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations. For more information, visit www.centurylink.com.

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