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CenturyLink Senior Vice President Vernon Irvin named to Executive Leadership Council

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MONROE, La., July 6, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Vernon Irvin, **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) senior vice president, was inducted into the **Executive Leadership Council (ELC)** during its 2017 summer general membership meeting in London, England. Comprised of more than 600 current and former senior executives at Fortune 1,000 and Global 500 companies, the ELC champions the development of black leaders and strives to increase the number of successful black executives.

Irvin, who is the first CenturyLink executive to be inducted into the ELC, leads a team of more than 1,000 sales and marketing professionals who focus on growing the company's business through a portfolio of data, voice, hosting, cloud computing, managed and IT services. He also is one of several CenturyLink executives to serve on the company's diversity steering committee.

In addition, Irvin was recently named to the CenturyLink chief operating officer organization leadership team which will be effective upon the completion of CenturyLink's acquisition of Level 3 Communications, Inc. Irvin will be president of the business unit focused on small and midsize business, local government and education.

Throughout his 20-year career, Irvin has held a number of positions with increasing responsibilities and scope that focus on building successful sales and marketing organizations in the network and communications industry.

"I am honored to be selected for membership in the ELC and I am personally committed to promoting diversity," Irvin said. "In addition, the ELC's mission dovetails with CenturyLink's philosophy that a diverse workforce is one of our greatest strengths in a competitive global marketplace."

Irvin is active in his community and serves on the board of directors for Mile High United Way, the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink (NYSE: CTL) is a global communications and IT services company focused on connecting its customers to the power of the digital world. CenturyLink offers network and data systems management, big data analytics, managed security services, hosting, cloud, and IT consulting services. The company provides broadband, voice, video, advanced data and managed network services over a robust 265,000-route-mile U.S. fiber network and a 360,000-route-mile international transport network. Visit **CenturyLink** for more information.

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