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CenturyLink fiber network backbone now connects to 12 CyrusOne data centers

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CyrusOne's customers can bypass local-loop access to gain direct-connect access to CenturyLink global fiber network

DALLAS and MONROE, La., Oct. 30, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) and **CyrusOne** (NASDAQ: CONE) today announced new CenturyLink fiber connectivity at five additional CyrusOne data centers. With this fiber network expansion, there are now 12 CyrusOne U.S. data center locations directly connected to CenturyLink's robust 250,000-route-mile U.S. fiber network and a 300,000-route-mile international transport network.

CyrusOne is a global colocation solutions provider that specializes in highly reliable enterprise-class, carrier-neutral data center properties that house IT infrastructure for nearly 900 customers worldwide.

"We're proud and excited to welcome CenturyLink's fiber infrastructure in a total of 12 out of the 29 CyrusOne data centers in the U.S.," said Josh Snowhorn, vice president and general manager, interconnection, CyrusOne.

"CenturyLink's increased connectivity with our data center facilities means that CyrusOne's enterprise customers have another top-tier network to choose as their primary or backup data transport solution."

By early 2016, CenturyLink's fiber network will be connected within CyrusOne's Austin III, downtown Cincinnati, Houston West III, San Antonio II and Sterling, Va., data centers. The company's fiber network is already connected to CyrusOne's Austin Met II, Austin I, Carrollton, Texas, Chandler, Ariz., Houston Galleria, Houston West and Lewisville data centers.

"With a direct connection to CenturyLink's network, a business becomes connected to nearly 300 data centers, including more than 60 facilities where CenturyLink provides IT services, and more than 40,000 multi-tenant unit office buildings," said Eric Barrett, director, network product management, CenturyLink. "We're pleased to welcome

CyrusOne and its customers to CenturyLink's growing ecosystem of interconnected data centers and the end-to-end suite of services we offer to help fulfill a customer's workload requirements."

With fiber built into the data center meet-me rooms, CyrusOne customers can use multiprotocol label switching (MPLS), optical wave service, Ethernet and other IP services to access CenturyLink's low-latency, secure, reliable and highly available network. Connection speeds range from 100 Mbps up to 100 Gbps, and direct fiber connections from each of the 12 data centers to a CenturyLink Point of Presence eliminate local-loop access charges.

With a connection to CenturyLink's network, businesses can more easily access other CenturyLink solutions, including the CenturyLink Cloud platform, big data analytics, business continuity and disaster recovery services, managed hosting and data systems management. CenturyLink's network is a gateway for enterprises to connect with the many additional data centers, service providers and business locations that are on-net with CenturyLink, which enables customers to implement a hybrid IT strategy.

Leveraging the CyrusOne Internet **Exchange (IX)**, both CyrusOne and CenturyLink are working together to provide metro-enabled interconnection strategies back to carrier hotels for added speed and connectivity, allowing customers to take full advantage of CyrusOne's National IX, which enables high-performance, low-cost data transfer and accessibility across several data centers in the CyrusOne portfolio.

Learn more about CenturyLink network services at <http://www.centurylink.com/business/enterprise/data-network/>.

Learn more about CyrusOne at <http://www.cyrusone.com>.

About CyrusOne

CyrusOne (NASDAQ: CONE) specializes in highly reliable enterprise-class, carrier-neutral data center properties. The company provides mission-critical data center facilities that protect and ensure the continued operation of IT infrastructure for nearly 900 customers, including nine of the Fortune 20 and more than 160 of the Fortune 1000 or equivalent-sized companies.

CyrusOne's data center offerings provide the flexibility, reliability, and security that enterprise customers require and are delivered through a tailored, customer-service-focused platform designed to foster long-term relationships. CyrusOne's National IX platform provides robust connectivity options to drive revenue, reduce expenses, and improve service quality for enterprises, content, and telecommunications companies. CyrusOne is committed to full transparency in communication, management, and service delivery throughout its 31 data centers worldwide.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink (NYSE: CTL) is a global communications, hosting, cloud and IT services company enabling millions of customers to transform their businesses and their lives through innovative technology solutions. CenturyLink offers network and data systems management, big data analytics and IT consulting, and operates more than 55 data centers in North America, Europe and Asia. The company provides broadband, voice, video, data and managed services over a robust 250,000-route-mile U.S. fiber network and a 300,000-route-mile international transport network. Visit **CenturyLink** for more information.

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