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CenturyLink marks Earth Day by commissioning Bloom Energy fuel cells

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MONROE, La., April 13, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced that it added reliable, sustainable power infrastructure to its Irvine, California, data center through the installation of Bloom Energy fuel cells.

"Synchronizing the fully commissioned Bloom Energy fuel cells to our electrical infrastructure supports the escalating power demands for network and IT infrastructure in an environmentally sustainable way," said David Meredith, senior vice president at CenturyLink. "Businesses that use multi-tenant data centers and cloud-based solutions, like those offered by CenturyLink, are contributing to a better environment, which is further enhanced by technologies such as Bloom Energy."

The Bloom Energy Servers use fuel cell technology to generate electricity through a clean electrochemical process using air and natural gas. Bloom delivers enhanced sustainability benefits, including high efficiency, small physical footprint and reduced water use.

"We are excited to work with a progressive, industry-leading service provider like CenturyLink on our first Bloom data center deployment in Southern California," said Peter Gross, vice president of mission critical systems at Bloom Energy. "This CenturyLink project demonstrates that data centers and cloud service providers now have alternative solutions that will meet both their reliability and sustainability goals."

CenturyLink's latest corporate social responsibility (CSR) report, now available on the company's website, includes additional details on the use of Bloom Energy fuel cells. The report also provides insight into the company's "green" programs, sustainability goals and company initiatives. To see the report and CenturyLink's broader sustainability initiatives, visit <http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/AboutUs/Community/Environment/>.

About Bloom Energy

Bloom Energy is a provider of breakthrough solid oxide fuel cell technology generating clean, highly efficient onsite power from multiple fuel sources. Founded in 2001 with a mission to make clean, reliable energy affordable for everyone in the world, Bloom Energy Servers are currently producing power for many Fortune 500 companies including Google, Wal-Mart, AT&T, eBay, Staples, The Coca-Cola Company, as well as notable non-profit organizations such as Caltech and Kaiser Permanente. Also, with its Mission Critical Systems practice, Bloom Energy provides grid-independent power for critical loads in data centers and manufacturing. The company is headquartered in Sunnyvale, California. For more information, visit www.Bloomenergy.com.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States and is recognized as a leader in the network services market by technology industry analyst firms. The company is a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprise customers. CenturyLink provides data, voice and managed services in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers for businesses and consumers. The company also offers advanced entertainment services under the CenturyLink® Prism™ TV and DIRECTV brands. 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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