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CenturyLink meets growing demand for bandwidth with nationwide, metro and international 100 Gbps deployment

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MONROE, La., Nov. 14, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) has completed an upgrade of its network and is now delivering speeds of 100 Gigabits per second (Gbps) nationwide across its backbone and in more than 50 metropolitan locations across the United States. The company also recently deployed 100 Gbps in Singapore and London, with more international cities planned for early 2013.

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Through its next generation converged optical service platforms, CenturyLink can now deliver its dedicated 100 Gigabit Ethernet **Optical Wavelength Service** to enterprise and wholesale businesses in the United States and in select international cities. Additional capabilities will be deployed in early 2013, including connectivity to **Savvis** cloud, hosting and colocation services, data centers and customer business locations. Savvis, a CenturyLink company, is a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprises.

With data consumption on the rise, CenturyLink's upgraded network will be able to accommodate the bandwidth demand driven by cloud computing, mobile traffic, big data and video streaming with Ethernet-based service delivery to customer sites.

"Responding to the increasing broadband demands and supporting new business applications is a priority for us, which is why we began the transition to 100 Gbps a couple of years ago," said Pieter Poll, CenturyLink senior vice president of national and international network planning, engineering and construction. "These speed and capacity improvements will provide customer services that deliver fully managed, end-to-end optical networks designed to meet the specific needs of banks and financial institutions, government agencies, enterprises, carriers and Internet

service providers."

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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