

CenturyLink program recycles more than 12 million pounds

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MONROE, La., April 18, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced that it recycled more than 12 million pounds in 2016. Its recycling sites collected, securely shredded and recycled more than three million pounds of paper – saving the equivalent of almost 25,000 trees. In addition to paper, CenturyLink recycled approximately nine million pounds of a wide range of materials, including metal reels, copper-based materials, precious metals and electronics.

"CenturyLink is actively making choices to lessen our impact on the environment – our recycling program is one of many programs we use," said Jennifer Scarpino, CenturyLink's director of environmental health and safety/business continuity. "We accomplish our sustainability goals through environmental health and safety management programs, collaborative solutions, resources and waste management, as well as technological transformation and climate preparedness."

Additional CenturyLink environmental initiatives include:

- Partnering with other providers and equipment manufacturers of set top boxes and small network equipment to look for ongoing improvements in energy efficiency.
- Completion of Energy Star certification for 19 data centers, more than any other colocation provider as of the end of 2016. Energy Star ratings place these data centers in the top 25 percent most energy efficient data centers in the U.S.
- Implementing initiatives to reduce energy consumption as well as the company's carbon footprint. These projects include decommissioning unused servers and replacing aging equipment with newer, more efficient server installations.

Additional information on these initiatives can be found in the company's 2016 Corporate Social Responsibility

brochure.

In addition, CenturyLink rose to #113 out of the top 500 companies in 2016 from #182 in 2015 in Newsweek's Green Rankings. This ranking comprehensively assesses the environmental performance of the largest publicly traded companies in the world.

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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