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CenturyLink recognized as leader in Magic Quadrant for Cloud-Enabled Managed Hosting, Europe

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MONROE, La., July 15, 2014 /CNW/ -- CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) today announced it has been recognized by analyst firm Gartner, Inc. as a leader in the Magic Quadrant for Cloud-Enabled Managed Hosting, Europe.

Evaluation for the report was based on vendors' completeness of vision, including market understanding, offering strategy and innovation, among other criteria. The Magic Quadrant also assesses ability to execute, which includes capabilities, overall viability and customer experience.

"Many of the world's largest businesses turn to CenturyLink as their trusted technology partner," said Fiona Cullen, managing director, EMEA, at CenturyLink Technology Solutions. "We believe our recognition as a leader in the Magic Quadrant for Cloud-Enabled Managed Hosting, Europe, underscores our ability to help organizations achieve success through our continued commitment to delivering the most complete portfolio of technology services."

Gartner describes the "leaders" quadrant in the Magic Quadrant report as those companies that "... have staying power in this market, can frequently innovate on their existing products and can be relied on for enterprise-class needs. They have proved their technical competence and ability to deliver services to a wide range of customers."

Gartner analysts Tiny Haynes, Gianluca Tramacere, Lydia Leong, Gregor Petri, Douglas Toombs and Bob Gill authored the Magic Quadrant for Cloud-Enabled Managed Hosting, Europe, report, published on July 9, 2014. CenturyLink also was recognized in the Magic Quadrant for Cloud Infrastructure as a Service, a global report published May 28, 2014.

Since June 2013, CenturyLink has expanded and enhanced its managed hosting and colocation business with new cloud capabilities through the acquisitions of AppFog and Tier 3, merging them with Savvis and forming the CenturyLink Technology Solutions business unit. CenturyLink recently announced new CenturyLink Cloud pricing

and launched cloud-based managed services.

About CenturyLink Technology Solutions

CenturyLink Technology Solutions delivers innovative managed services for global businesses on virtual, dedicated and colocation platforms. For more information, visit www.centurylink.com/technology.

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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