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CenturyLink recycling program tops 70 million pounds

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MONROE, La., April 22, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced that its recycling program has exceeded 70 million pounds, or more than 35,000 short tons over a six year period (2007-2012).

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"CenturyLink is actively making choices to lessen our impact on the environment, and our recycling program is one way we're doing that," said, Brent Vander Ark, CenturyLink's vice president of supply chain management and decision support. "Our goal is to help ensure the long-term health of the environment, joining with consumers and businesses who are focusing on ways to promote and practice the intelligent use of resources."

CenturyLink's program recycles a wide range of materials, including metal reels, copper-based materials, precious metals and electronics. In addition, the program recycles steel, aluminum, monitors, keyboards, computer mice, and other related items.

In 2012, CenturyLink avoided more than 20,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions by recycling approximately 5,900 short tons through cutting-edge methods. The emissions savings were calculated using the **EPA Waste Reduction Model**. CenturyLink works with Fortune Plastic & Metal, LLC in 36 of the company's 37-state local service area and uses Nevada Recycling in Nevada for metal and cardboard recycling.

Additional information on CenturyLink's Sustainability program can be found at <http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/AboutUs/Community/Environment/>.

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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