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CenturyLink's 1 Gbps service is now available to an additional 8,200 business locations in Minnesota

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MINNEAPOLIS, May 18, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced the availability of 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) fiber speeds to approximately 8,200 additional business locations across the state enabling a total of 40,500 select business locations in Minnesota with gigabit service. This deployment is part of a national fiber network upgrade that expanded availability of CenturyLink's gigabit broadband services to nearly 490,000 business locations in 17 states.

As part of CenturyLink's gigabit service expansion in Minnesota, speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second are more widely available in several communities and available for the first time to select business locations in these communities: Albertville, Chanhassen, Cottage Grove, Eden Prairie, Excelsior, Inver Grove Heights, Minneapolis, Rochester, Rogers, St. Michael, St. Paul, South St. Paul, Shakopee and Wayzata.

"For years, CenturyLink has been the provider of choice for some of the largest businesses in Minnesota, offering speeds up to 100 gigabits per second. Today we're expanding one gigabit per second speeds to reach more than 40,000 small and mid-sized businesses," said Tyler Middleton, vice president of CenturyLink operations in Minnesota. "We're seeing new demand from small businesses. They want higher speeds, access to the cloud and a company to manage their IT infrastructure so they can focus on running the business."

High-speed broadband connectivity makes it easier for businesses to work in the cloud, upload and download large multimedia files, stream video content and back-up data in real time. With symmetrical upload and download speeds of up to 1 Gbps, fiber service from CenturyLink is a seamless experience.

"Expanding up to 1 Gig services to additional upstart and small businesses in places like Rogers, Albertville and Rochester helps drive innovation and opportunity in Minnesota," said Margaret Anderson Kelliher, executive director of the Minnesota High Tech Association. "I'm pleased to see the significant investments CenturyLink is

making in its infrastructure in Minnesota's growing communities."

CenturyLink uses Fiber-To-The-Premises (FTTP) technology to provide speeds of up to 1 Gbps to businesses located near the company's fiber network backbone or in fiber-fed multi-tenant unit office buildings.

In addition to providing fiber connectivity, CenturyLink can manage a range of IT services for small and mid-sized business customers. CenturyLink's **Managed Office** is a complete IT and phone system solution that includes managed voice, data, security, infrastructure and cloud-based business applications for a low monthly fee.

Managed services from CenturyLink are designed for businesses that want enterprise-class IT capabilities yet do not have enough in-house time or expertise to implement and maintain new technology. CenturyLink handles the day-to-day work of installing, managing and updating IT systems on behalf of businesses, which enables them to shift internal resources to more strategic projects.

Business customers can visit www.centurylink.com/twincities to learn more about CenturyLink's fiber-based services, including speeds up to 1 Gbps, and to determine if service is available in their location.

In addition to business 1 Gbps service, CenturyLink also offers broadband service up to 1 Gbps to residential customers in the Twin Cities. For more information on residential gigabit service and to find out where these speeds are available, customers can go to www.centurylink.com/gigabit.

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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