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John Jones named SVP of Public Policy and Government Relations

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WASHINGTON, April 2, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) announced today that John F. Jones has been named CenturyLink's senior vice president of public policy and government relations effective immediately. He succeeds Steve Davis, who is retiring.

Jones previously served as CenturyLink's vice president of public policy and federal legislative affairs. During his 21-year tenure with the company, his responsibilities have included leading state and federal regulatory and legislative initiatives, government relations activities, external communication and policy development, state and local economic development issues, and representing the company in industry discussions and negotiations.

The public policy and government relations organization is responsible for representing CenturyLink's public policy positions to federal, state and local policy makers and regulatory commissions, including the Federal Communications Commission, Congress and other government agencies and industry groups.

"John is a recognized leader and consensus builder who brings a wealth of policy knowledge that will serve the company well as CenturyLink transitions from a traditional telecommunications company to a 21st century provider of integrated technology solutions that encompass network, cloud and IT services," said Stacey Goff, CenturyLink's executive vice president and chief administrative officer.

"I'm excited to lead CenturyLink's public policy and government relations organization during this important transition and growth period for the company," Jones said. "Policy makers and our industry must all keep pace with rapidly evolving technology and consumer-driven policy challenges."

He is a past president and member of the executive board of the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance and has served on the Legislative Tactics and Regulatory Affairs Committees of USTelecom.

Jones serves on the board of directors and the executive committee, and chairs the Technology Council for the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry. He also serves on the boards of the Council for A Better Louisiana, the Louisiana Telecom Association, the Governor's Workforce Investment Council and is a past board member of the Public Affairs Research Council.

Jones received both his bachelor's degree and master's degree in communication from the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM). Prior to joining CenturyLink, he served as public affairs director and adjunct communications faculty member at ULM for 12 years.

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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