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Karen Puckett named one of Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Technology by National Diversity Council

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MONROE, La., April 8, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) is pleased to announce that Karen Puckett, president-global markets, has been named one of the 50 most powerful women in technology by the **National Diversity Council**.

Criteria for the selection include organizational leadership, direct contribution to business growth or strategic direction, accomplishments in her area of expertise, inspiration for other women in technology, integrity and ethical behavior, and a commitment to corporate citizenship.

As president-global markets, Puckett leads revenue-generating initiatives for CenturyLink, including global sales, sales support, marketing and the customer experience for consumer, business and government agency customers. Her responsibilities include the continuing growth and recognition of CenturyLink as a leading provider of IP-enabled network services, cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions.

"Karen has been at the forefront of our company's transformation from a traditional network communications provider to a growing, integrated provider of advanced IP-enabled network, hosting, cloud and IT services," said Glen F. Post, III, CenturyLink chief executive officer and president. "She has helped lead our efforts to increase IP-enabled network services, cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions growth while maintaining our focus on operational excellence and financial strength. We are very proud of Karen for gaining recognition as one of the most powerful women in technology."

Puckett serves on the Board of Directors of Harte-Hanks, Inc. and the Entergy Corporation.

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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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