

<div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</div> <div>2009</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009	
A	This return/report is for: <div><div>☐ a multiemployer plan;</div><div>☒ a single-employer plan;</div><div>☐ a multiple-employer plan; or</div><div>☐ a DFE (specify) ____</div></div>
B	This return/report is: <div><div>☐ the first return/report;</div><div>☐ the final return/report;</div><div>☐ an amended return/report;</div><div>☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).</div></div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☒
D	Check box if filing under: <div><div>☒ Form 5558;</div><div>☐ automatic extension;</div><div>☐ the DFVC program;</div><div>☐ special extension (enter description)</div></div>

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan CENTURYTEL UNION 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
1c	Effective date of plan 06/20/1983
2a	Plan sponsor's name and address (employer, if for a single-employer plan) (Address should include room or suite no.) CENTURYTEL, INC. 100 CENTURY TEL DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0651161
2c	Sponsor's telephone number 360-905-7972
2d	Business code (see instructions) 517000

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2010	MARINA PEARSON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2010	MARINA PEARSON
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same") RETIREMENT COMMITTEE 805 BROADWAY, 8TH FLOOR VANCOUVER, WA 98660	3b Administrator's EIN 72-0651161 3c Administrator's telephone number 360-905-7972
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4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name	4b EIN 4c PN
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5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	2020
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6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year (welfare plans complete only lines 6a , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a Active participants.....	6a	1756
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	11
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c	168
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a , 6b , and 6c	6d	1935
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....	6e	7
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	1942
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g	1528
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h	7

7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
(2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information)
(4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
(5) ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

<div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2009
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009

<div>A Name of plan</div> <div>CENTURYTEL UNION 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST</div>	<div>B Three-digit plan number (PN)</div> <div>▶</div> <div>003</div>
<div>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500</div> <div>CENTURYTEL, INC.</div>	<div>D Employer Identification Number (EIN)</div> <div>72-0651161</div>

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

T. ROWE PRICE RPS, INC.

52-1714114

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65	NONE	14625	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

MORNING STAR

36-3297908

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 50	NONE	7601	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

AFUNDS AMCAP FUND, R4

5300 ROBIN HOOD ROAD
NORFOLK, VA 23513-2407

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	14397	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

FIDELITY DIVERSIFIED INTERN'L

ONE DESTINY WAY WA3J
WESTLAKE, TX 76262

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	11043	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

OAKMARK EQUITY AND INCOME

P.O. BOX 219558
KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9558

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	7056	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3 If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T. ROWE PRICE RPS, INC.	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
AFUNDS AMCAP FUND, R4 5300 ROBIN HOOD ROAD NORFOLK, VA 23513-2407		FEE FOR SHREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.35%
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T. ROWE PRICE RPS, INC.	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
FIDELITY DIVERSIFIED INTERN'L ONE DESTINY WAY WA3J WESTLAKE, TX 76262		FEE FOR SHREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.25%
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T. ROWE PRICE RPS, INC.	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
MORG STNLY SMALL CO GROWTH, P 100 FRONT STREET SUITE 1100 WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428		FEE FOR SHREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.35%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T. ROWE PRICE RPS, INC.	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
OAKMARK EQUITY AND INCOME P.O. BOX 219558 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9558	FEE FOR SHREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.35%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
T. ROWE PRICE RPS, INC.	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PIMCO TOTAL RETURN ADMIN 840 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 300 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	FEE FOR SHREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.25%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III **Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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a Name:	b EIN;
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c Position:	
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009		
A Name of plan CENTURYTEL UNION 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CENTURYTEL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0651161	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	1633	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	108	834
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	135	3130
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	164896	146466
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	4650421	5080229
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	64157598	81372868
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	2685385	3591991
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	71660176	90195518

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	71660176	90195518
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income**a Contributions:**

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	2908246	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	5971864	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		8880110

b Earnings on investments:**(1) Interest:**

(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	317748	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		317748

(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	263049	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1527222	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1790271

(3) Rents	2b(3)		
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(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	441214	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	381764	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		59450

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
2b (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	908943	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		908943
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		13377365
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		25333887

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	6533285	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		6533285
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		243034
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	7601	
(4) Other	2i(4)	14625	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		22226
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		6798545

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		18535342
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☒ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: KPMG, LLP

(2) EIN: 13-5565207

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

- 4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete 4l.

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		10000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?.....		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

- 5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
If yes, enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ Yes ☒ No Amount:

- 5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)

5b(2) EIN(s)

5b(3) PN(s)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2009 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009

A Name of plan <u>CENTURYTEL UNION 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>003</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>CENTURYTEL, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>72-0651161</u>

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	<u>0</u>
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>52-1481931</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box(es). If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice and OMB Control Numbers, see the instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2009
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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	14b	
c The second preceding plan year	14c	

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If item 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete items (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate item 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

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UNION 401(k) PLAN AND TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

**CENTURYTEL
UNION 401(k) PLAN AND TRUST
December 31, 2009 and 2008**

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Supplemental schedules required by 29 CFR 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, other than the schedule listed above, are omitted because of absence of the conditions under which they are required.



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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors
CenturyLink, Inc.:

We were engaged to audit the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of CenturyTel Union 401(k) Plan and Trust (the Plan) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009, and the supplemental schedule of Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2009. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management.

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in note 2, which was certified by T. Rowe Price Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the year ended December 31, 2009, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to, and do not, express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

KPMG LLP

Shreveport, Louisiana
October 13, 2010

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
PLAN ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 85,111,325	67,007,879
Participant loans	5,080,229	4,650,421
Cash, non-interest bearing	-	1,633
Contributions receivable – participants	3,130	135
Contributions receivable – employer	834	108
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 90,195,518	71,660,176

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the year ended December 31, 2009

<u>Investment income:</u>	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments:	
Mutual funds	\$ 13,377,365
Common stocks	968,393
Dividend and other income	1,790,271
Interest income on participant loans	317,748
Net investment income	<u>16,453,777</u>
<u>Contributions:</u>	
Participants	5,971,864
Employer	2,908,246
Total contributions	<u>8,880,110</u>
<u>Deductions from net assets:</u>	
Participant withdrawals	6,776,319
Administrative expenses	22,226
Total deductions	<u>6,798,545</u>
Net increase	18,535,342
<u>Net assets available for benefits:</u>	
Beginning of year	71,660,176
End of year	<u>\$ 90,195,518</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN

Basis of Presentation

The CenturyTel Union 401(k) Plan and Trust (the Plan) was established on June 1, 1983. The accompanying financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and present the net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Plan has made estimates in preparing the accompanying financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The assets of the Plan are invested by the Trustee in various investment programs (funds) which are described in Note 3.

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Participation

Participation in the Plan is available to each eligible employee of CenturyLink, Inc. (the "Company", formerly named CenturyTel, Inc.) whose compensation and conditions of employment are covered by certain collective bargaining agreements.

In order to participate in the Plan, an employee must execute a Salary Deferral Agreement with the Company. In the Salary Deferral Agreement, which is executed either on-line or by telephone, an employee agrees to a deferral, as determined by the participant's collective bargaining agreement, of between one percent and twenty-five percent of his eligible pay or between one percent and ninety-two percent of his eligible pay; however, the total amount contributed to the Plan cannot exceed \$16,500 for 2009 (as adjusted from year to year in accordance with Federal Law). The percentage of eligible compensation a participant elects to defer applies to the participant's W-2 earnings not in excess of \$245,000 for 2009 (as adjusted in accordance with Federal Law). For certain participants, as determined by their applicable collective bargaining agreement, eligible compensation excludes severance pay, disability pay, reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits, moving expenses, deferred compensation, and welfare benefits. The amount of compensation deferred by each participant is credited to an account (Elective Deferral Account) maintained for each participant by the recordkeeper.

Participants age 50 years or older are allowed to make an additional contribution to the Plan each year in excess of the otherwise prescribed limits. The amount of the allowable additional contribution for a participant in 2009 was \$5,500 (as adjusted in accordance with Federal Law).

An employee is permitted to transfer to the Plan as a contribution his interest in another plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the Code). Such contribution must qualify as a "rollover" contribution described in Section 402(c) or 408(d)(3) of the Code. Such a rollover will be credited to a rollover account on behalf of the participant (the Rollover/Transfer Account).

As of the end of each payroll period, the Company contributes to an account (Employer Match Account) for each participant a contribution equal to a percentage, as determined by the participant's applicable collective bargaining agreement, of each such participant's contribution during such payroll period; however, this matching contribution applies only to the first 6% of such participant's eligible compensation contributed to the Plan by the employee. In addition, the Company makes a non-elective contribution of between \$500 and \$1,800 to the Employer Match Account for certain participants, as determined by their applicable collective bargaining agreement, who complete 500 hours of service in the plan year. The Board of Directors of the Company may, at

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its discretion, elect at the end of each year to contribute an additional amount to participants' accounts (Additional Match Account). During 2009, the Company contributed \$2,908,246 in cash to the Plan, all of which related to contributions made to the Employer Match Account.

The interest of a participant in his Elective Deferral Account and his Rollover/Transfer Account is fully vested and non-forfeitable at all times.

The interest of a participant in his Employer Match Account and Additional Match Account vests based on one of the following schedules as determined by the participant's applicable collective bargaining agreement:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percentage Vested</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percentage Vested</u>
Less than 1	0%		Less than 3	0%
1	20		3	100
2	40			
3	60			
4	80			
5	100			

In the event of death, disability, or upon reaching age 65, the Employer Match Account and Additional Match Account become fully vested.

Reports to Participants

Participants are furnished with quarterly statements which set forth the status of their accounts in the Plan. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's and Company's contributions and an allocation of plan earnings or losses. Allocations are based on participant's earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

Forfeitures

A participant's non-vested account balances shall be forfeited as of the date upon which the participant's employment has terminated with the Company. Forfeiture amounts may be utilized first to satisfy any restorations for the year. Any remaining forfeitures shall be applied to offset future employer contributions.

Distributions

If the employment of a participant with the employer ceases because of death, retirement, disability, termination of employment or for any other reason, the participant's vested interest in the Plan may be distributed to him or to his beneficiary in a lump sum or in periodic installments. If the participant dies without designating a beneficiary, his beneficiary shall be, in the order listed, (i) his spouse, (ii) his children, or (iii) his estate.

Withdrawals

A participant who is an employee and over age 59 1/2 may make withdrawals from his vested investment accounts prior to normal distribution requirements being met. A participant may make withdrawals from his Rollover/Transfer Account at any time upon request. In addition, a hardship withdrawal may be made from an Elective Deferral Account, the vested interest in an Employer Match Account, or the vested interest in an Additional Match Account only as a result of financial hardship related to unreimbursable educational expenses, medical expenses which are not reimbursable by insurance, the need to pay for the funeral expenses of a family member, expenses for repair of damage to the employee's principal residence that would qualify for a casualty deduction on the employee's tax return, the prevention of eviction or foreclosure from the participant's principal

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residence, or for the purchase of the participant's principal residence. The determination of the existence of a financial hardship and the amount required to be distributed to meet the need created by the hardship shall be made uniformly and without discrimination at the sole discretion of the Plan Administrator.

Loans to Participants

The Plan has a provision whereby a participant can borrow from his Elective Deferral Account or Rollover/Transfer Account. The maximum loan is \$50,000 reduced by the excess, if any, of the highest outstanding loan balance during the previous year over the outstanding balance on the date of the new loan or 50% of the vested account balance. The loans are repaid through payroll deductions and the interest rate is the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the last day of the previous quarter plus 1%. The loan repayment period may not exceed five years except for loans for the purchase of the participant's principal residence which may be for any period not to exceed fifteen years. Certain loans transferred from merged plans have grandfathered maturities greater than fifteen years. As of December 31, 2009, participant loans have interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 11.75% and maturity dates through September 10, 2036.

Trustee

The Trustee of the Plan, as of December 31, 2009, was T. Rowe Price Trust Company (T. Rowe Price). The Board of Directors of the Company may remove the Trustee and appoint a successor trustee at their discretion. The Company and the Trustee have entered into a Trust Agreement which provides for the establishment of a Trust for the purpose of holding and investing the contributions to the Trust pursuant to the provisions of the Plan.

Administration

The Company has appointed a committee to administer the Plan. The individuals who administer the Plan serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company and may be removed by the Board of Directors at any time. The administrative costs of the Plan are paid by the Company. Investment expenses relating to individual participant transactions, such as loan fees, are deducted from the respective participant's account and included in "Investment expenses" in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments in CenturyLink, Inc. Common Stock (CenturyLink Common Stock) and Sprint Common Stock are valued at their respective closing market prices on December 31, 2009 and 2008. Other investments in the funds, which consist primarily of shares of mutual funds, are valued by the Trustee based on the net asset value at year end as published on a quoted exchange. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes realized gains and losses on investments sold during the year, as well as unrealized appreciation of investments held at the end of the year.

Participant loans are stated at amortized cost. Amortized cost represents unpaid principal plus accrued but unpaid interest.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to change, suspend or terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the provisions set forth in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. However, the Company is required to comply with all relevant provisions of the applicable labor agreements.

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(2) TRUSTEE CERTIFICATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the Plan administrator has obtained certifications from the Trustee of the Plan that all of the information provided by it is complete and accurate. Information included in the accompanying financial statements, notes to financial statements and supplemental schedule as to investments, participant loans and cash and investment activities in the trust fund administered by the Trustee, including dividend and other income, interest income on participant loans and net appreciation in investments, is presented in reliance solely upon those certifications. The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements, notes to financial statements and supplemental schedule.

(3) DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNDS

The following is a description of each of the funds which had outstanding balances and were available to Plan participants as of December 31, 2009:

- (a) CenturyLink Common Stock – consists of shares of CenturyLink Common Stock (\$3,591,991 and \$2,685,385 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (b) Sprint Common Stock – consists of shares of Sprint Common Stock (\$146,466 and \$79,465 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively)
- (c) American Funds Amcap, R4 – consists primarily of investments in U.S. common stocks (\$4,113,411 and \$2,749,882 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (d) Fidelity Diversified International Fund – consists primarily of investments in foreign common stocks (\$4,417,319 and \$3,079,412 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (e) Oakmark Equity & Income Fund, Class I – consists primarily of investments in U.S. equity and debt securities (\$2,237,640 and \$1,934,903 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (f) Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund Small Company Growth Portfolio B – consists primarily of investments in common stocks of small companies (\$3,351,565 and \$1,959,458 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (g) PIMCO Low Duration III Institutional Fund – consists primarily of investments in debt securities with an average duration between one and three years (\$744,167 and \$603,256 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (h) PIMCO Total Return Fund – consists primarily of investments in debt securities (\$9,485,814 and \$8,016,895 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (i) Allianz NFJ Small Cap Value Institutional Fund – consists primarily of investments in common stocks of companies with market capitalizations between \$100 million and \$1.8 billion that have below average P/E ratios relative to their industries and U.S. depositary receipts (\$1,657,820 and \$1,148,127 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).

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- (j) T. Rowe Price Retirement Income Fund - consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) in the near future (\$1,855,971 and \$1,233,668 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (k) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) in the near future (\$163,475 and \$288,249 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (l) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2010 (\$2,550,680 and \$2,142,244 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (m) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2015 (\$2,849,409 and \$2,075,462 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (n) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U. S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2020 (\$3,861,684 and \$2,283,936 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (o) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U. S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2025 (\$1,176,758 and \$674,517 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (p) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2030 (\$2,592,749 and \$1,544,708 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (q) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2035 (\$530,123 and \$242,526 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (r) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2040 (\$1,761,283 and \$1,013,339 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (s) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2045 (\$193,852 and \$62,693 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).

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- (t) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2050 (\$34,876 and \$10,635 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (u) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2055 (\$33,756 and \$8,325 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (v) T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign common stocks (\$10,542,231 and \$8,235,002 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (w) T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 Fund - consists of investments in the same stocks and in substantially the same percentages as the S&P 500 Index (\$8,239,718 and \$6,373,314 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (x) T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund – consists primarily of investments in common stocks of companies whose market capitalization falls within the range of companies in the S&P MidCap 400 Index (\$6,536,596 and \$4,053,660 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (y) T. Rowe Price Summit Cash Reserves Fund - consists primarily of investments in various money market instruments (\$11,712,138 and \$13,722,055 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (z) T. Rowe Price U.S. Treasury Money Fund – consists primarily of investments in various money market instruments (\$729,833 and \$701,332 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively)

Investments in the PIMCO Total Return Fund, T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund, T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 Fund, T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund, and T. Rowe Price Summit Cash Reserves Fund were each greater than 5% of assets available for benefits at December 31, 2009 and 2008.

A participant may instruct that all contributions to his accounts be allocated among the various funds except for CenturyLink Common Stock and Sprint Common Stock which are not available as an investment alternative for participant elective contributions. A participant may change his investment allocation instructions and contribution percentage at any time.

(4) INCOME TAXES

The Plan and related trust are designed to meet the necessary requirements of Code Section 401(a) and, accordingly, the trust underlying the Plan is exempt from income taxation pursuant to Code Section 501(a). A favorable determination letter was received on August 20, 2008 related to the Plan. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Code.

(5) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by T. Rowe Price, Fidelity Investments (Fidelity), Capital Research and Management Company (Capital), Harris Associates (Harris), Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc. (Morgan Stanley), Allianz Global Investors of America (Allianz), or Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO). T. Rowe Price is the Trustee as defined by the Plan. Therefore, T. Rowe Price, Fidelity, Capital, Harris, Morgan Stanley, Allianz, and PIMCO qualify as parties-in-interest.

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Additionally, CenturyLink, Inc., as sponsor of the Plan, is considered a party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Company to T. Rowe Price for trustee, record keeping and other services amounted to \$56,686 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(6) CONCENTRATION OF INVESTMENTS

Substantially all of the assets available for benefits were invested in mutual funds managed by T. Rowe Price, Capital, Fidelity, Harris, Morgan Stanley, Allianz, or PIMCO. The remaining assets available for benefits consist of investments in CenturyLink Common Stock and Sprint Common Stock.

(7) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting standards establish a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. These tiers include: Level 1 (defined as observable inputs such as quoted market prices in active markets); Level 2 (defined as observable inputs other than quoted market prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable); and Level 3 (defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists).

As of December 31, 2009, the Plan investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows:

	Balance			
Description	December 31, 2009	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds:				
Growth	\$ 41,096,300	41,096,300	-	-
Balanced	17,604,616	17,604,616	-	-
Income	10,229,981	10,229,981	-	-
Stability	12,441,971	12,441,971	-	-
Total Mutual Funds	81,372,868	81,372,868	-	-
Common stock:				
Telecommunications	3,738,457	3,738,457	-	-
Total	\$ 85,111,325	85,111,325	-	-

As of December 31, 2008, the Plan investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows:

	Balance			
Description	December 31, 2008	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds:				
Growth	\$ 29,533,758	29,533,758	-	-
Balanced	11,580,302	11,580,302	-	-
Income	8,620,151	8,620,151	-	-
Stability	14,423,387	14,423,387	-	-
Total Mutual Funds	64,157,598	64,157,598	-	-
Common stock:				
Telecommunications	2,850,281	2,850,281	-	-
Total	\$ 67,007,879	67,007,879	-	-

(8) RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan's investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Unfavorable economic events may have an adverse impact on the overall credit and investment markets that could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits. No assurance can be provided as to the timing or magnitude of future unfavorable economic events or of their impact on participants' account balances.

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(9) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In 2009, the Plan adopted a new accounting standard for subsequent events which establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 13, 2010, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for inclusion in the financial statements.

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

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Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of Investment	Current Value
*Investment in CenturyLink Common Stock	99,199 shares at \$36.21 per share	\$ 3,591,991
Investment in Sprint Common Stock	40,018 shares at \$3.66 per share	146,466
*Participant loans	Interest rates between 4.25% and 11.75%; Maturity dates between April 23, 2009 and September 10, 2036	5,080,229
Investment in Mutual Funds for Qualified Employee Benefit Plans:		
Managed by Capital Research and Management Company:		
*American Funds Amcap, R4	248,845 shares at \$16.53 per share	4,113,411
Managed by Fidelity Investments:		
*Fidelity Diversified International Fund	157,761 shares at \$28.00 per share	4,417,319
Managed by Harris Associates:		
*Oakmark Equity & Income Fund, Class I	87,613 shares at \$25.54 per share	2,237,640
Managed by Morgan Stanley:		
*Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund Small Company Growth Portfolio B	320,417 shares at \$10.46 per share	3,351,565
Managed by PIMCO:		
*PIMCO Low Duration III Institutional Fund	77,517 shares at \$9.60 per share	744,167
*PIMCO Total Return Fund	878,316 shares at \$10.80 per share	9,485,814
Managed by Allianz Global Investors of America:		
*Allianz NFJ Small Cap Value Institutional Fund	68,392 shares at \$24.24 per share	1,657,820
Managed by T. Rowe Price:		
*T. Rowe Price Retirement Income Fund	152,004 shares at \$12.21 per share	1,855,971
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Fund	15,659 shares at \$10.44 per share	163,475
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund	182,844 shares at \$13.95 per share	2,550,680
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015 Fund	267,049 shares at \$10.67 per share	2,849,409
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund	264,499 shares at \$14.60 per share	3,861,684
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund	110,910 shares at \$10.61 per share	1,176,758
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund	171,478 shares at \$15.12 per share	2,592,749
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund	49,777 shares at \$10.65 per share	530,123
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund	116,256 shares at \$15.15 per share	1,761,283
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund	19,193 shares at \$10.10 per share	193,852
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund	4,113 shares at \$8.48 per share	34,876
*T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund	4,028 shares at \$8.38 per share	33,756
*T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund	502,250 shares at \$20.99 per share	10,542,231
*T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 Fund	274,383 shares at \$30.03 per share	8,239,718
*T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund	137,642 shares at \$47.49 per share	6,536,596
*T. Rowe Price Summit Cash Reserves Fund	11,712,138 shares at \$1.00 per share	11,712,138
*T. Rowe Price U.S. Treasury Money Fund	729,833 shares at \$1.00 per share	729,833
		<u>\$ 90,191,554</u>

*Capital, Fidelity, Harris, Morgan Stanley, Allianz, PIMCO and T. Rowe Price are considered parties-in-interest. Additionally, CenturyLink, Inc., as sponsor of the Plan, is considered a party-in-interest.

Note: Information on cost of investments is excluded as all investments are participant directed.
This information has been summarized from information provided by T. Rowe Price Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, which the trustee has certified as being complete and accurate.

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

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Plan Sponsor EIN	72-0651161
ERISA Plan #	003
Plan Year Ending	December 31, 2009

The required attachment marked with an "X" in the Attachment column is included within the Accountant's Opinion attachment to Sch. H, Part III, Line 3, which consists of the entire audit report issued by the plan's Independent Qualified Public Accountant (IQPA).

Form/Schedule	Line #	Description	Attachment
5500 Sch. H	Line 3	Financial statements used in formulating the IQPA's opinion	X
5500 Sch. H	Line 4i	Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)	X
5500 Sch. H	Line 4i	Schedule of Assets (Acquired and Disposed of Within Year)	
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DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Supplemental schedules required by 29 CFR 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, other than the schedule listed above, are omitted because of absence of the conditions under which they are required.



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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors
CenturyLink, Inc.

We were engaged to audit the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of CenturyTel Union 401(k) Plan and Trust (the Plan) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009, and the supplemental schedule of Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2009. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management.

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in note 2, which was certified by T. Rowe Price Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the year ended December 31, 2009, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to, and do not, express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

KPMG LLP

Shreveport, Louisiana
October 13, 2010

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 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
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	2009	2008
PLAN ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 85,111,325	67,007,879
Participant loans	5,080,229	4,650,421
Cash, non-interest bearing	-	1,633
Contributions receivable – participants	3,130	135
Contributions receivable – employer	834	108
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 90,195,518	71,660,176

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the year ended December 31, 2009

Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments:	
Mutual funds	\$ 13,377,365
Common stocks	968,393
Dividend and other income	1,790,271
Interest income on participant loans	317,748
Net investment income	16,453,777
Contributions:	
Participants	5,971,864
Employer	2,908,246
Total contributions	8,880,110
Deductions from net assets:	
Participant withdrawals	6,776,319
Administrative expenses	22,226
Total deductions	6,798,545
Net increase	18,535,342
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	71,660,176
End of year	\$ 90,195,518

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN

Basis of Presentation

The CenturyTel Union 401(k) Plan and Trust (the Plan) was established on June 1, 1983. The accompanying financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and present the net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Plan has made estimates in preparing the accompanying financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The assets of the Plan are invested by the Trustee in various investment programs (funds) which are described in Note 3.

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Participation

Participation in the Plan is available to each eligible employee of CenturyLink, Inc. (the "Company", formerly named CenturyTel, Inc.) whose compensation and conditions of employment are covered by certain collective bargaining agreements.

In order to participate in the Plan, an employee must execute a Salary Deferral Agreement with the Company. In the Salary Deferral Agreement, which is executed either on-line or by telephone, an employee agrees to a deferral, as determined by the participant's collective bargaining agreement, of between one percent and twenty-five percent of his eligible pay or between one percent and ninety-two percent of his eligible pay; however, the total amount contributed to the Plan cannot exceed \$16,500 for 2009 (as adjusted from year to year in accordance with Federal Law). The percentage of eligible compensation a participant elects to defer applies to the participant's W-2 earnings not in excess of \$245,000 for 2009 (as adjusted in accordance with Federal Law). For certain participants, as determined by their applicable collective bargaining agreement, eligible compensation excludes severance pay, disability pay, reimbursement or other expense allowances, fringe benefits, moving expenses, deferred compensation, and welfare benefits. The amount of compensation deferred by each participant is credited to an account (Elective Deferral Account) maintained for each participant by the recordkeeper.

Participants age 50 years or older are allowed to make an additional contribution to the Plan each year in excess of the otherwise prescribed limits. The amount of the allowable additional contribution for a participant in 2009 was \$5,500 (as adjusted in accordance with Federal Law).

An employee is permitted to transfer to the Plan as a contribution his interest in another plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the Code). Such contribution must qualify as a "rollover" contribution described in Section 402(c) or 408(d)(3) of the Code. Such a rollover will be credited to a rollover account on behalf of the participant (the Rollover/Transfer Account).

As of the end of each payroll period, the Company contributes to an account (Employer Match Account) for each participant a contribution equal to a percentage, as determined by the participant's applicable collective bargaining agreement, of each such participant's contribution during such payroll period; however, this matching contribution applies only to the first 6% of such participant's eligible compensation contributed to the Plan by the employee. In addition, the Company makes a non-elective contribution of between \$500 and \$1,800 to the Employer Match Account for certain participants, as determined by their applicable collective bargaining agreement, who complete 500 hours of service in the plan year. The Board of Directors of the Company may, at

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its discretion, elect at the end of each year to contribute an additional amount to participants' accounts (Additional Match Account). During 2009, the Company contributed \$2,908,246 in cash to the Plan, all of which related to contributions made to the Employer Match Account.

The interest of a participant in his Elective Deferral Account and his Rollover/Transfer Account is fully vested and non-forfeitable at all times.

The interest of a participant in his Employer Match Account and Additional Match Account vests based on one of the following schedules as determined by the participant's applicable collective bargaining agreement:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percentage Vested</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percentage Vested</u>
Less than 1	0%	Less than 3	0%
1	20	3	100
2	40		
3	60		
4	80		
5	100		

In the event of death, disability, or upon reaching age 65, the Employer Match Account and Additional Match Account become fully vested.

Reports to Participants

Participants are furnished with quarterly statements which set forth the status of their accounts in the Plan. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's and Company's contributions and an allocation of plan earnings or losses. Allocations are based on participant's earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

Forfeitures

A participant's non-vested account balances shall be forfeited as of the date upon which the participant's employment has terminated with the Company. Forfeiture amounts may be utilized first to satisfy any restorations for the year. Any remaining forfeitures shall be applied to offset future employer contributions.

Distributions

If the employment of a participant with the employer ceases because of death, retirement, disability, termination of employment or for any other reason, the participant's vested interest in the Plan may be distributed to him or to his beneficiary in a lump sum or in periodic installments. If the participant dies without designating a beneficiary, his beneficiary shall be, in the order listed, (i) his spouse, (ii) his children, or (iii) his estate.

Withdrawals

A participant who is an employee and over age 59 1/2 may make withdrawals from his vested investment accounts prior to normal distribution requirements being met. A participant may make withdrawals from his Rollover/Transfer Account at any time upon request. In addition, a hardship withdrawal may be made from an Elective Deferral Account, the vested interest in an Employer Match Account, or the vested interest in an Additional Match Account only as a result of financial hardship related to unreimbursable educational expenses, medical expenses which are not reimbursable by insurance, the need to pay for the funeral expenses of a family member, expenses for repair of damage to the employee's principal residence that would qualify for a casualty deduction on the employee's tax return, the prevention of eviction or foreclosure from the participant's principal

residence, or for the purchase of the participant's principal residence. The determination of the existence of a financial hardship and the amount required to be distributed to meet the need created by the hardship shall be made uniformly and without discrimination at the sole discretion of the Plan Administrator.

Loans to Participants

The Plan has a provision whereby a participant can borrow from his Elective Deferral Account or Rollover/Transfer Account. The maximum loan is \$50,000 reduced by the excess, if any, of the highest outstanding loan balance during the previous year over the outstanding balance on the date of the new loan or 50% of the vested account balance. The loans are repaid through payroll deductions and the interest rate is the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the last day of the previous quarter plus 1%. The loan repayment period may not exceed five years except for loans for the purchase of the participant's principal residence which may be for any period not to exceed fifteen years. Certain loans transferred from merged plans have grandfathered maturities greater than fifteen years. As of December 31, 2009, participant loans have interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 11.75% and maturity dates through September 10, 2036.

Trustee

The Trustee of the Plan, as of December 31, 2009, was T. Rowe Price Trust Company (T. Rowe Price). The Board of Directors of the Company may remove the Trustee and appoint a successor trustee at their discretion. The Company and the Trustee have entered into a Trust Agreement which provides for the establishment of a Trust for the purpose of holding and investing the contributions to the Trust pursuant to the provisions of the Plan.

Administration

The Company has appointed a committee to administer the Plan. The individuals who administer the Plan serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company and may be removed by the Board of Directors at any time. The administrative costs of the Plan are paid by the Company. Investment expenses relating to individual participant transactions, such as loan fees, are deducted from the respective participant's account and included in "Investment expenses" in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments in CenturyLink, Inc. Common Stock (CenturyLink Common Stock) and Sprint Common Stock are valued at their respective closing market prices on December 31, 2009 and 2008. Other investments in the funds, which consist primarily of shares of mutual funds, are valued by the Trustee based on the net asset value at year end as published on a quoted exchange. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes realized gains and losses on investments sold during the year, as well as unrealized appreciation of investments held at the end of the year.

Participant loans are stated at amortized cost. Amortized cost represents unpaid principal plus accrued but unpaid interest.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to change, suspend or terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the provisions set forth in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. However, the Company is required to comply with all relevant provisions of the applicable labor agreements.

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(2) TRUSTEE CERTIFICATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the Plan administrator has obtained certifications from the Trustee of the Plan that all of the information provided by it is complete and accurate. Information included in the accompanying financial statements, notes to financial statements and supplemental schedule as to investments, participant loans and cash and investment activities in the trust fund administered by the Trustee, including dividend and other income, interest income on participant loans and net appreciation in investments, is presented in reliance solely upon those certifications. The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements, notes to financial statements and supplemental schedule.

(3) DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNDS

The following is a description of each of the funds which had outstanding balances and were available to Plan participants as of December 31, 2009:

- (a) CenturyLink Common Stock – consists of shares of CenturyLink Common Stock (\$3,591,991 and \$2,685,385 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (b) Sprint Common Stock – consists of shares of Sprint Common Stock (\$146,466 and \$79,465 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (c) American Funds Amcap, R4 – consists primarily of investments in U.S. common stocks (\$4,113,411 and \$2,749,882 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (d) Fidelity Diversified International Fund – consists primarily of investments in foreign common stocks (\$4,417,319 and \$3,079,412 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (e) Oakmark Equity & Income Fund, Class I – consists primarily of investments in U.S. equity and debt securities (\$2,237,640 and \$1,934,903 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (f) Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund Small Company Growth Portfolio B – consists primarily of investments in common stocks of small companies (\$3,351,565 and \$1,959,458 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (g) PIMCO Low Duration III Institutional Fund – consists primarily of investments in debt securities with an average duration between one and three years (\$744,167 and \$603,256 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (h) PIMCO Total Return Fund – consists primarily of investments in debt securities (\$9,485,814 and \$8,016,895 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (i) Allianz NFI Small Cap Value Institutional Fund – consists primarily of investments in common stocks of companies with market capitalizations between \$100 million and \$1.8 billion that have below average P/E ratios relative to their industries and U.S. depositary receipts (\$1,657,820 and \$1,148,127 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).

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- (j) T. Rowe Price Retirement Income Fund - consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) in the near future (\$1,855,971 and \$1,233,668 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (k) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) in the near future (\$163,475 and \$288,249 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (l) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2010 (\$2,550,680 and \$2,142,244 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (m) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2015 (\$2,849,409 and \$2,075,462 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (n) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U. S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2020 (\$3,861,684 and \$2,283,936 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (o) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U. S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2025 (\$1,176,758 and \$674,517 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (p) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2030 (\$2,592,749 and \$1,544,708 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (q) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2035 (\$530,123 and \$242,526 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (r) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2040 (\$1,761,283 and \$1,013,339 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).
- (s) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund - consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2045 (\$193,852 and \$62,693 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).

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(t) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2050 (\$34,876 and \$10,635 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).

(u) T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign equity and debt securities and money market instruments and is managed for investors planning to retire (or begin to withdraw substantial portions of their investment) around the year 2055 (\$33,756 and \$8,325 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).

(v) T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund – consists primarily of investments in U.S. and foreign common stocks (\$10,542,231 and \$8,235,002 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).

(w) T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 Fund - consists of investments in the same stocks and in substantially the same percentages as the S&P 500 Index (\$8,239,718 and \$6,373,314 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).

(x) T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund – consists primarily of investments in common stocks of companies whose market capitalization falls within the range of companies in the S&P MidCap 400 Index (\$6,536,596 and \$4,053,660 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).

(y) T. Rowe Price Summit Cash Reserves Fund - consists primarily of investments in various money market instruments (\$11,712,138 and \$13,722,055 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively).

(z) T. Rowe Price U.S. Treasury Money Fund – consists primarily of investments in various money market instruments (\$729,833 and \$701,332 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively)

Investments in the PIMCO Total Return Fund, T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund, T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 Fund, T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund, and T. Rowe Price Summit Cash Reserves Fund were each greater than 5% of assets available for benefits at December 31, 2009 and 2008.

A participant may instruct that all contributions to his accounts be allocated among the various funds except for CenturyLink Common Stock and Sprint Common Stock which are not available as an investment alternative for participant elective contributions. A participant may change his investment allocation instructions and contribution percentage at any time.

(4) INCOME TAXES

The Plan and related trust are designed to meet the necessary requirements of Code Section 401(a) and, accordingly, the trust underlying the Plan is exempt from income taxation pursuant to Code Section 501(a). A favorable determination letter was received on August 20, 2008 related to the Plan. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Code.

(5) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by T. Rowe Price, Fidelity Investments (Fidelity), Capital Research and Management Company (Capital), Harris Associates (Harris), Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc. (Morgan Stanley), Allianz Global Investors of America (Allianz), or Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO). T. Rowe Price is the Trustee as defined by the Plan. Therefore, T. Rowe Price, Fidelity, Capital, Harris, Morgan Stanley, Allianz, and PIMCO qualify as parties-in-interest.

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Additionally, CenturyLink, Inc., as sponsor of the Plan, is considered a party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Company to T. Rowe Price for trustee, record keeping and other services amounted to \$56,686 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(6) CONCENTRATION OF INVESTMENTS

Substantially all of the assets available for benefits were invested in mutual funds managed by T. Rowe Price, Capital, Fidelity, Harris, Morgan Stanley, Allianz, or PIMCO. The remaining assets available for benefits consist of investments in CenturyLink Common Stock and Sprint Common Stock.

(7) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting standards establish a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. These tiers include: Level 1 (defined as observable inputs such as quoted market prices in active markets); Level 2 (defined as observable inputs other than quoted market prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable); and Level 3 (defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists).

As of December 31, 2009, the Plan investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows:

Balance December 31, 2009				Description			
				Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Mutual funds:							
Growth	\$ 41,096,300	41,096,300	-				
Balanced	17,604,616	17,604,616	-				
Income	10,229,981	10,229,981	-				
Stability	12,441,971	12,441,971	-				
Total Mutual Funds				81,372,868	-	-	
Common stock:							
Telecommunications	3,738,457	3,738,457	-				
Total	\$ 85,111,325	85,111,325	-				

As of December 31, 2008, the Plan investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows:

Balance December 31, 2008				Description			
				Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Mutual funds:							
Growth	\$ 29,533,758	29,533,758	-				
Balanced	11,580,302	11,580,302	-				
Income	8,620,151	8,620,151	-				
Stability	14,423,387	14,423,387	-				
Total Mutual Funds				64,157,598	-	-	
Common stock:							
Telecommunications	2,850,281	2,850,281	-				
Total	\$ 67,007,879	67,007,879	-				

(8) RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan's investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Unfavorable economic events may have an adverse impact on the overall credit and investment markets that could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits. No assurance can be provided as to the timing or magnitude of future unfavorable economic events or of their impact on participants' account balances.

(9) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In 2009, the Plan adopted a new accounting standard for subsequent events which establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 13, 2010, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for inclusion in the financial statements.

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Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of Investment	Current Value
*Investment in CenturyLink Common Stock	99,199 shares at \$36.21 per share	3,591,991
*Investment in Sprint Common Stock	40,018 shares at \$3.66 per share	146,466
*Participant loans	Interest rates between 4.25% and 11.75%; Maturity dates between April 23, 2009 and September 10, 2036	5,080,229

Investment in Mutual Funds for Qualified Employee Benefit Plans: Managed by Capital Research and Management Company: *American Funds Amcap, R4 Managed by Fidelity Investments: *Fidelity Diversified International Fund Managed by Harris Associates: *Oakmark Equity & Income Fund, Class I Managed by Morgan Stanley: *Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund Small Company Growth Portfolio B Managed by PIMCO: *PIMCO Low Duration III Institutional Fund *PIMCO Total Return Fund Managed by Allianz Global Investors of America: *Allianz NPI Small Cap Value Institutional Fund Managed by T. Rowe Price: *T. Rowe Price Retirement Income Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015 Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund *T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund *T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund *T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 Fund *T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund *T. Rowe Price Summit Cash Reserves Fund *T. Rowe Price U.S. Treasury Money Fund	152,004 shares at \$12.21 per share 15,659 shares at \$10.44 per share 182,844 shares at \$13.95 per share 267,049 shares at \$10.67 per share 264,499 shares at \$14.60 per share 110,910 shares at \$10.61 per share 171,478 shares at \$15.12 per share 49,777 shares at \$10.65 per share 116,256 shares at \$15.15 per share 19,193 shares at \$10.10 per share 4,113 shares at \$8.48 per share 4,028 shares at \$8.38 per share 502,250 shares at \$20.99 per share 274,383 shares at \$30.03 per share 137,642 shares at \$47.49 per share 11,712,138 shares at \$1.00 per share 729,833 shares at \$1.00 per share	1,855,971 163,475 2,550,680 2,849,409 3,861,684 1,176,758 2,592,749 530,123 1,761,283 193,852 34,876 33,756 10,542,231 8,239,718 6,536,596 11,712,138 729,833
	68,392 shares at \$24.24 per share	1,657,820
	87,613 shares at \$25.54 per share	2,237,640
	157,761 shares at \$28.00 per share	4,417,319
	248,845 shares at \$16.53 per share	4,113,411
	320,417 shares at \$10.46 per share	3,351,565
	77,517 shares at \$9.60 per share	744,167
	878,316 shares at \$10.80 per share	9,485,814
		\$ 90,191,554

*Capital, Fidelity, Harris, Morgan Stanley, Allianz, PIMCO and T. Rowe Price are considered parties-in-interest. Additionally, CenturyLink, Inc., as sponsor of the Plan, is considered a party-in-interest.
Note: Information on cost of investments is excluded as all investments are participant directed. This information has been summarized from information provided by T. Rowe Price Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, which the trustee has certified as being complete and accurate.
See accompanying independent auditors' report.