

## 2017 CSR report details CenturyLink's commitment to reducing waste on Earth Day and every day

**Initiatives include energy efficiency, reducing GHG emissions and waste minimization**

MONROE, La., April 20, 2018 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Coinciding with Earth Day April 22, [CenturyLink, Inc.](#) (NYSE: CTL) is releasing its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) report, which describes the ways in which CenturyLink is making a positive difference in the world and in the communities the company serves. The CSR report also highlights the company's continued success managing its impact on the environment, including progress toward its long-term targets for greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

- 2017 Corporate Social Responsibility brochure:  
<http://www.centurylink.com/asset/aboutus/downloads/community/Corporate-Social-Responsibility-Report.pdf>

CenturyLink was in the top 100 in Barron's first-ever ranking of the most sustainable companies in the U.S. The ranking's methodology looked at the 1,000 largest publicly held companies by market value, with headquarters in the U.S., as of Dec. 31, 2017. The rankings focused on 300 performance indicators for each company.

"CenturyLink's goal is to help ensure the long-term health of the environment, joining with consumers and businesses who are focusing on the sustainable use of resources," said Mike Beekman, CenturyLink's director of global environment, health, and safety. "Through our involvement in efforts ranging from energy efficiency and the use of renewables to minimizing waste through reduction, re-use, and recycling, we further our commitment to improve lives by being a good citizen and neighbor in the communities where we work and live."

CenturyLink's environmental initiatives include:

- **North America:** Switch consolidations, which began in 2015 and continued in 2017, resulted in reduced annual kilowatt hour usage by 21.8 million and an EPA-estimated reduction of 12,066 metric tons of CO2 emissions.
- **Latin America:** Air conditioning system updates started in 2016 and continued in 2017, which provided a 537,697 kWh decrease in energy consumption.

- **Europe, Middle East, Africa (EMEA):** CenturyLink purchased 192,793 MWhs of renewable zero carbon electricity in 2016. All electrical power supply contracts in 2017 were for zero carbon renewable energy.

More information about CenturyLink's sustainability campaigns can be found in the newly published 2017 Corporate Social Responsibility brochure which also covers the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation's Teachers and Technology grants program, the Backpack Buddies Food Drive campaign and CenturyLink's diversity and inclusion programs.

## About CenturyLink

[CenturyLink](#) (NYSE: CTL) is the second largest U.S. communications provider to global enterprise customers. With customers in more than 60 countries and an intense focus on the customer experience, CenturyLink strives to be the world's best networking company by solving customers' increased demand for reliable and secure connections. The company also serves as its customers' trusted partner, helping them manage increased network and IT complexity and providing managed network and cyber security solutions that help protect their business.

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