CenturyLink's colocation services in its Colombia, Peru, Chile and Argentina data centers achieve PCI DSS Report of Compliance

Data centers can prevent, detect and respond to latest security threats

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, June 18, 2018 / PRNewswire -- Global communications and IT provider CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) achieved the Report of Compliance with applicable portions of Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) version 3.2 for colocation services provided in its Colombia XV-Bogotá, Suba and Cali (Colombia), Lima (Perú), Santiago (Chile) and Buenos Aires (Argentina) data centers.

"Our customers need to ensure their IT services and data are housed by a provider that is focused on the safety of their information," said Gabriel del Campo, vice president of data centers, security and cloud for CenturyLink Latin America. "For us, it was critical to achieve this important international standard as evidence of our commitment to security and the safety of our customers' IT services and data."

"Supported by the many already existing security controls, it was very natural for CenturyLink´s colocation services to achieve this report of compliance with applicable requirements of PCI DSS," said Paulo Poi, GRC manager, PCI QSA. "This report

confirms that the company has a secure way of doing its work and as a result, keeping their customers' data safe."

PCI DSS Version 3.2 Key Facts:

- The PCI was established by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB and Discover Card for organizations that house, process and transmit credit card data.
- The process takes into account feedback from more than 700 participating PCI Council organizations as well as reports on data breach findings.
- The new version is used by businesses around the world to safeguard payment data before, during and after a purchase is made.
- The update to the standards is part of a regular process for ensuring the PCI DSS addresses current challenges and threats.
- In 2017, colocation services at CenturyLink's three Brazilian data centers also met all data security standards outlined in requirements 9, 11.1 and 12 of PCI DSS version 3.2.

Key Facts about CenturyLink:

- In 2017, CenturyLink completed the Level 3 acquisition.
- CenturyLink has approximately 720,000 route kilometers (450,000 route miles) of fiber globally and serves customers in more than 60 countries.
- CenturyLink's global IP backbone capacity is more than 72 terabits per second (Tbps).
- CenturyLink has more than 100,000 on-net buildings worldwide.
- CenturyLink operates more than 360 data centers worldwide, 17 of which are in Latin America.
- CenturyLink's data centers host both the company's own and customers' IT environments, and are managed on-site by a team of specialized technicians, meeting high standards of energy supply and infrastructure.

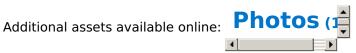
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CenturyLink (NYSE: CTL) is the second largest U.S. communications provider to global enterprise customers. With customers in more than 60 countries and an intense focus on the customer experience, CenturyLink strives to be the world's best networking 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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