

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 15, 2018 -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) announced today that it now offers high-speed internet to nearly 400,000 homes and businesses in Virginia.

The company's recent multi-million dollar investments in its Virginia network, including fiber and maintenance and infrastructure improvements, led to expanded broadband speeds and related voice service enhancements

"We know broadband brings many benefits to communities, including better access to jobs, education and healthcare services," said Rich Schollmann, CenturyLink director of state government affairs for Virginia. "CenturyLink has made the expansion of our high-speed internet service a priority and is focused on bringing broadband to as many homes and businesses in our Virginia service areas as possible."

CenturyLink offers broadband speeds of 10 Mbps or greater to 285,000 Virginia locations and speeds of 25 Mbps or greater to more than 110,000 Virginia locations. These deployments also support CenturyLink's participation in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Connect America Fund (CAF) program.

Three years ago, CenturyLink accepted CAF II money from the FCC and committed to bring broadband with download speeds of at least 10 Mbps to approximately 50,000 locations in FCC-designated, high-cost census blocks in Virginia over six years.

Through the CAF program, CenturyLink expects to have enabled more than 31,000 Virginia locations within FCC-designated, high-cost census blocks with broadband speeds of 10 Mbps or higher, with more than 12,000 of those locations, or 35 percent, having access to speeds of 25 Mbps or higher at the end of this year.

Some of the Virginia homes and businesses that now have broadband service due to CenturyLink's CAF commitment include more than 1,400 locations in the Stuart area of Patrick County, more than 1,300 locations in the Montpelier area of Hanover County and more than 1,200 locations in the Farmville area of Prince Edward County.

Depending on location, a variety of speeds may be available. Customers can order service or check service availability in their area by calling CenturyLink at (888) 544-4451 or visiting <https://www.centurylink.com/ordernow/>.

Additional Resources

- Learn more about how CenturyLink enabled broadband to more than 600,000 homes and businesses across rural America in 2016 and 2017: <http://news.centurylink.com/2018-01-18-CenturyLink-brings-broadband-to-600-000-homes-and-businesses-in-rural-America>
- Learn more about how CenturyLink committed to bringing broadband to 1.2 million rural households in 33 states via the Connect America Fund: <http://news.centurylink.com/2015-08-27-CenturyLink-to-bring-broadband-to-1-2-million-rural-households-in-33-states>

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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