CENTURYTEL INC

Form 4/A

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

may continue. See Instruction

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

CENTURYTEL INC [CTL]

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	Earliest Tra	ansaction							
100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE		(Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2004					X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO					
(Street)			4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MONROE, LA 71203			Filed(Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2004					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	Table	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc					quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	of 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	02/25/2004			Code V A	Amount 46,800	(D)	Price \$ 0	140,005.64	D			
Common Stock	02/25/2004			M	1,405 (1)	A	\$0	141,410.64	D			
Common Stock								6,370.44	I	By 401(k)		
Common Stock								18,853.86	I	By ESOP		
Common Stock								5,697.4	I	By PAYSOP		

Common Stock 48,871.45 I By Stock Bonus Plan (5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities Acquired (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title Underly (Instr. 3		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.34	02/25/2004		A	160,000		02/25/2004(6)	02/25/2014(7)	Com
Performance Shares.99	<u>(8)</u>	02/25/2004		M		3,636	<u>(9)</u>	(10)	Com
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.05						11/22/1995	05/22/2005	Comr
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.64						11/22/1995	05/22/2005	Comr
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.5						02/24/1997(11)	02/24/2007	Comr
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.63						02/21/2001(12)	02/21/2010	Comr
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.03						05/21/2002(13)	05/21/2011	Comr
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.99						02/25/2003(14)	02/25/2012	Com
Employee Stock Option	\$ 27.48						02/24/2004(15)	02/24/2013	Com

(right to buy)

Phantom Stock Units

\$ 0 (16)

(17)

(17)

Com

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE X Chairman and CEO

MONROE, LA 71203

Signatures

By: Kay C. Buchart, Attorney-In-Fact

02/08/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents the number of shares earned under the performance shares granted in 1999, based on the Company's total shareholder return over a five year period compared to other telecommunications companies.
- (2) As of most recent statement available
- (3) As of December 31, 2003, the most recent statement available.
- (4) As of December 31, 2003, the most recent statement available.
- (5) As of December 31, 2003, the most recent statement available.
- (6) One-third of the options are exercisable immediately, one-third are exercisable 2/25/05, and one-third are exercisable 2/25/06.
- (7) Amended to correct error in termination date.
- (8) Security converts on a one for one basis.
- (9) The award vests based upon the Company's total shareholder return over a five year period compared to the other companies included in an index of telecommunications companies.
- (10) Exercisable as soon as practicable after December 31, 2003.
- One-third of the Stock Options are exercisable immediately, one-third are exercisable on $\frac{2}{24/98}$, and one-third are exercisable on $\frac{2}{24/98}$
- One-third of the Stock Options are exercisable 2/21/2001, one-third are exercisable on 2/21/2002, and one-third are exercisable on 2/21/2003.
- (13) One-third of the Stock Options are exercisable 5/21/02, one-third are exercisable 5/21/03, and one-third are exercisable 5/21/04.
- (14) One-third of the Stock Options are exercisable 2/25/03, one-third are exercisable 2/25/04, and one-third are exercisable 2/25/05.
- (15) One-third of the Stock Options are exercisable 2/24/04, one-third are exercisable 2/24/05, and one-third are exercisable 2/24/06.
- (16) Security converts on a 1-to-1 basis.
- (17) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under CTE's excess benefit plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's termination of service.

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