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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>MASLOWSKI MICHAEL E</b> <div>(Last) (First) (Middle)</div> <div>(Street)</div> <div>(City) (State) (Zip)</div>	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CENTURYTEL INC [ CTL ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <div><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</div> <div><b>Sr. VP &amp; Chief Info. Off.</b></div>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>5/9/2003</b>	
	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div>

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock Units (4)(5)	0.00	5/9/2003		A		144.3		8/8/1988	8/8/1988	Common Stock	144.30	0	539.40	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (4) 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.
- (5) Security converts on a 1-to-1 basis.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MASLOWSKI MICHAEL E,			Sr. VP & Chief Info. Off.	

Signatures

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

5/12/2003

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

\* 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).

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