

CENTURYTEL INC

FORM NT 11-K

(Notification that Annual Employee Plan Report will be submitted late.)

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FORM 12B-25

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(CHECK ONE):

☐ Form 10-K and Form 10-KSB ☐ Form 20-F ☒ Form 11-K ☐ Form 10-Q
and Form 10-QSB ☐ Form N-SAR

For Period Ended: DECEMBER 31, 1999

☐ Transition Report on Form 10-K
☐ Transition Report on Form 20-F
☐ Transition Report on Form 11-K
☐ Transition Report on Form 10-Q
☐ Transition Report on Form N-SAR
For the Transition Period Ended: N/A

READ ATTACHED INSTRUCTION SHEET BEFORE PREPARING FORM. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates: NOT APPLICABLE

PART I - REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Full Name of Plan CENTURYTEL, INC. RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR

BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES AND TRUST

Full Name of Issuer of Plan Securities CENTURYTEL, INC.

Former Name of Issuer if Applicable CENTURY TELEPHONE ENTERPRISES, INC.

100 CENTURY PARK DRIVE

Address of Principal Executive Office (STREET AND NUMBER)

MONROE, LOUISIANA 71203

City, State and Zip Code

PART II - RULES 12B-25 (B) AND (C)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

☒ (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;

☒ (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, 11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and

☐ (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b- 25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III - NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Form 10-K and Form 10-KSB, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q and Form 10-QSB, N-SAR, or the transition report or portion thereof could not be filed within the prescribed period.

The CenturyTel, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees and Trust is administered by a third-party plan trustee. Notwithstanding repeated requests from the plan, the trustee has been tardy in supplying information necessary to prepare the plan's Annual Report on Form 11-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 (the "Report") and still has not supplied certain financial data relating to cash contributed to the plan which is necessary to complete the plan's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1999 (the "Financial Statements"). The plan expects to receive all necessary data from the trustee to permit it to prepare and file the Report and the accompanying Financial Statements prior to the date indicated in Part II(b) above.

(Attach Extra Sheets if Needed)

PART IV - OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

NEIL A. SWEASY (318) 388-9817

(Name) (Area Code) (Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof? Not Applicable ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

CENTURYTEL, INC. RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES AND TRUST

(Name of Plan filing this Form)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date JUNE 28, 2000

By

R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.
Retirement Committee Member
and Executive Officer of
Issuer of Plan Securities

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).

End of Filing

