

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PERRY HARVEY P (Last) (First) (Middle) 100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE (Street) MONROE, LA 71203 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTURYTEL INC [CTL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Exec. VP, CAO, Gen. Counsel <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 6/6/2003		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) 6/10/2003		

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

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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy).2 (1)	\$34.63	6/6/2003		S			53334	(1)	6/5/2004	Common Stock	53334.00	\$0 (2)	0.00	I	By Spouse
Employee Stock Option(right to buy).1 (1)	\$32.99	6/6/2003		S			53334	(1)	6/5/2004	Common Stock	53334.00	\$0 (3)	0.00	I	By Spouse

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Exercisable immediately

(2) The per share price for 27,078 of such options was \$2.41, for 16,980 of such options ws \$2.68 and for 9,276 of such options was \$2.54.

(3) The per share price for 27,077 of such options was \$3.21, for 16,981 of such options was \$3.48 and for 9,276 of such options was \$3.34.

Remarks:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PERRY HARVEY P 100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203	X		Exec. VP, CAO, Gen. Counsel	

Signatures

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

8/6/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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