

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

**FORM 8-K**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

**June 27, 2007**

**CenturyTel, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1-7784  
(Commission File Number)

72-0651161  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (318) 388-9000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01	Other Events
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On June 27, 2007, we issued a press release announcing the completion of our \$1 billion share repurchase program. The complete press release is included as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01	Financial Statements and Exhibits
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(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press release dated June 27, 2007 announcing completion of \$1 billion share repurchase program.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTURYTEL, INC.

Dated: June 28, 2007

By: /s/ Neil A. Sweasy

Neil A. Sweasy

Vice President and Controller

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 27, 2007

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**CenturyTel Announces Completion of \$1 Billion Share Repurchase Program**

MONROE, La... CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) has completed its \$1 billion share repurchase program authorized by its board of directors in February 2006. Under the program, CenturyTel repurchased approximately 25.8 million shares of its common stock, or nearly 20 percent of shares outstanding at December 31, 2005, at an average price of \$39.81 per share.

“CenturyTel’s strong balance sheet and solid cash flows provided the financial flexibility and liquidity to complete our \$1 billion share repurchase program while also completing the \$830 million acquisition of Madison River Communications Corp. earlier this year,” Glen F. Post, chairman and chief executive officer, said. “We are pleased to have been able to return nearly \$1.8 billion to shareholders since early 2004 through the repurchase of approximately 45 million shares of our common stock and the payment of cash dividends.”

CenturyTel (NYSE: CTL) is a leading provider of communications, high speed Internet and entertainment services in small-to-mid-size cities through our broadband and fiber transport networks. Included in the S&P 500 Index, CenturyTel delivers advanced communications with a personal touch to customers in 25 states. Visit us at <http://www.centurytel.com>.

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