

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person - * REPPOND JIM D <div>(Last) (First) (Middle)</div> 1116 STONE CREEK WAY <div>(Street)</div> NORFORK, AR 72658 <div>(City) (State) (Zip)</div> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTURYTEL INC [CTL] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</div> |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 5/13/2005 | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div> |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | |

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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 5/13/2005 | | A | | 3256 | A | \$0 | 67176.00 | D | |

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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$29.06 | | | | | | 5/10/2003 | 5/10/2012 | Common Stock | 4000.00 | | 4000.00 | D | |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$32.18 | | | | | | 5/9/2004 | 5/9/2013 | Common Stock | 6000.00 | | 6000.00 | D | |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$29.70 | | | | | | 5/7/2005 | 5/7/2014 | Common Stock | 6000.00 | | 6000.00 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| REPPOND JIM D 1116 STONE CREEK WAY NORFORK, AR 72658 | X | | | |

Signatures

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

5/13/2005

** 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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