

CENTURYTEL INC

FORM 8-K

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Earliest Event Reported: August 14, 2002

CENTURYTEL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-7784
(Commission
File Number)

72-0651161
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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

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

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer dated August 14, 2002.

99.2 Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer dated August 14, 2002.

99.3 Certification of Principal Executive Officer of contents of Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2002, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

99.4 Certification of Principal Financial Officer of contents of Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2002, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

99.5 Press release dated August 14, 2002 announcing CEO and CFO certification of financial statements.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 14, 2002, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the registrant furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission their sworn statements in compliance with the SEC's order of June 27, 2002 (File No. 4-460) pursuant to Section 21(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. A copy of each of these statements is attached hereto as an Exhibit (99.1 and 99.2).

On August 14, 2002, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the registrant furnished to the SEC their certifications of contents of Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2002, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. A copy of each of these statements is attached hereto as an Exhibit (99.3 and 99.4).

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.

/s/ Neil A. Sweasy
By: _____
Neil A. Sweasy
Vice President and Controller

Dated: August 14, 2002

Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, Glen F. Post, III, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of CenturyTel, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

o no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and

o no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

o the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 of CenturyTel, Inc.;

o all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of CenturyTel, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and

o any amendments to any of the foregoing.

/s/ Glen F. Post, III

Glen F. Post, III

August 14, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 2002.

/s/ Kathy Tettleton

Kathy Tettleton

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: At death

Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, R. Stewart Ewing, Jr., state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of CenturyTel, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

o no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and

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/s/ R. Stewart Ewing

R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.

August 14, 2002

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/s/ Kathy Tettleton

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CenturyTel, Inc.

August 14, 2002

VIA EDGAR TRANSMISSION

Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: CenturyTel, Inc.
Certification of Contents of Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2002, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Ladies and Gentlemen:

CenturyTel, Inc. (the "Company") filed today, via EDGAR, its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2002. The undersigned, who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certifies that the Form 10-Q fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and that the information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company for the period covered by such report.

This certification is being furnished solely to comply with the requirements of Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-204, and is not being filed as a part of, or as an exhibit to, the Form 10-Q, or as a separate disclosure document.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Glen F. Post, III

*Glen F. Post, III
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
President and
Chief Executive Officer*

CenturyTel, Inc.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.

R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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CenturyTel CEO and CFO Certify Company's Financial Statements

MONROE, La. ... CenturyTel (NYSE symbol: CTL) announced today that its Chairman, President and CEO, Glen F. Post III, and Chief Financial Officer, R. Stewart Ewing, Jr., signed and submitted sworn statements to the Securities and Exchange Commission affirming the filings made by the Company in 2002 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and furnished the certifications recently required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act with respect to the Company's second quarter 2002 Form 10-Q.

CenturyTel, Inc. provides communications services including local exchange, long distance, Internet access and data services to customers in 22 states. The Company, headquartered in Monroe, Louisiana, is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CTL. CenturyTel is the 8th largest local exchange telephone company, based on access lines, in the United States.

Visit CenturyTel's corporate Web site at (www.centurytel.com).

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