

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 *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Huber Dennis G	CENTURYTEL INC [CTL]	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Ex. VP - Network & Info. Tech.
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)	
100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE	11/11/2009	
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
MONROE, LA 71203		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

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	11/11/2009		M		26416	A	\$32.9	59292	D	
Common Stock	11/11/2009		M		11053	A	\$30.62	70345	D	
Common Stock	11/11/2009		S		5000	D	\$34.5486	65345	D	
Common Stock	11/11/2009		S		37469	D	\$34.4764	27876	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)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
NQ Stock Option	\$32.9	11/11/2009		M		26416	(1)	2/7/2016	Common Stock	26416	\$0	0	D	
NQ Stock Option	\$30.62	11/11/2009		M		11053	(2)	3/2/2018	Common Stock	11053	\$0	21454	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Fully exercisable at conversion date of July 1, 2009.

(2) Option provides for vesting in 3 annual installments with 34% vesting on March 2, 2009 and 33% vesting on each of March 2, 2010 and March 2, 2011.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Huber Dennis G 100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203			Ex. VP - Network & Info. Tech.	

Signatures

Kay McMillan, Attorney-In-Fact

11/13/2009

**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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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