

CENTURYTEL INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MASLOWSKI MICHAEL E

(Last) (First) (Middle)
100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE
(Street)

MONROE, LA 71203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CENTURYTEL INC [CTL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/02/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP & Chief Info. Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/02/2004		M	27,001 A \$ 27.48	42,463.77	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2004		S	27,001 D \$ 34	15,462.77	D	
Common Stock					850.26	I	By ESOP (1)
Common Stock					362.48	I	By Stock Bonus Plan (2)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.48	12/02/2004		M	27,001	02/24/2004 ⁽³⁾ 02/24/2013	Common Stock 27,001
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.34					02/25/2004 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/25/2004	Common Stock 40,500
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.54					03/24/2000 03/24/2009	Common Stock 19,100
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.63					02/21/2001 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/21/2010	Common Stock 50,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.03					05/21/2002 ⁽⁶⁾ 05/21/2011	Common Stock 81,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.99					02/25/2003 ⁽⁷⁾ 02/25/2012	Common Stock 81,000

