

POST GLEN F III  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
POST GLEN F III

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/09/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

MONROE, LA 71203

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/09/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 100,000 A \$ 13.5   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/09/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 100,000 D \$ 36.25  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,717.47  | I  | By 401(k) (1)   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 19,829.51   | I  | By ESOP (2)   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,788.67  | I  | By PAYSOP (3)   |

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Common Stock 49,781.93 I By Stock Bonus Plan <sup>(4)</sup>

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 | Am<br>Nu<br>Sha |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 13.5  | 08/09/2005                           |  | M                              | 100,000   | 02/24/1997 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/24/2007                     | Common Stock  | 10    |                 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 34.63   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/21/2001 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/21/2010                     | Common Stock  | 32    |                 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 28.03   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/21/2002 <sup>(7)</sup> 05/21/2011                     | Common Stock  | 32    |                 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 32.99   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/25/2003 <sup>(8)</sup> 02/25/2012                     | Common Stock  | 32    |                 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 27.48   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/24/2004 <sup>(9)</sup> 02/24/2013                     | Common Stock  | 32    |                 |



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- (13) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under CTE's excess benefit plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's termination of service.

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