

MASLOWSKI MICHAEL E
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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)
12/16/2005

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
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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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/16/2005		M	1,375.2 A \$ 0	27,891.08	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2005		D ⁽¹⁾	1,375.2 D \$ 32.87	26,515.88	D	
Common Stock					150.46	I	By 401(k) ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					1,174.45	I	By ESOP ⁽³⁾
Common Stock					373.39	I	By Stock Bonus Plan ⁽³⁾

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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 S
Phantom Stock Units	(4)	12/16/2005		A	9.9	(5) (5)	Common Stock 9
Phantom Stock Units	(4)	12/16/2005		M	1,375.2	(5) (5)	Common Stock 1,3
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.54					03/24/2000 03/24/2009	Common Stock 19
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.63					02/21/2001(6) 02/21/2010	Common Stock 50
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.99					02/25/2003(7) 02/25/2012	Common Stock 81
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.48					02/24/2004(8) 02/24/2013	Common Stock 26
Employee Stock Option	\$ 28.34					02/25/2004 02/25/2014	Common Stock 13

