

PERRY HARVEY P  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PERRY HARVEY P

(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)  
05/03/2006

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) Vice Chairman

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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                   | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/03/2006                              |                                                             | S                                    |                                                                     | 13,500                                                                                                             | D                                                                    | \$<br>37.09                                                       |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 0                                                                                                                  | I                                                                    | By 401(k)<br>(1)                                                  |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 0                                                                                                                  | I                                                                    | By ESOP<br>(2)                                                    |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 0                                                                                                                  | I                                                                    | By Stock<br>Bonus<br>Plan (3)                                     |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Director<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 29.7                                                            |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/07/2005 05/07/2014                                          | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 6,000                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 34.63                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 02/21/2001 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/21/2010                           | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 85,000                                 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 32.99                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 02/25/2003 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/25/2012                           | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 81,000                                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |         |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|
|                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other         |
| PERRY HARVEY P<br>100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE<br>MONROE, LA 71203 | X             |           |         | Vice Chairman |

## Signatures

By: Kay C. Buchart,  
Attorney-In-Fact

05/04/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) As of most recent statement available
- (2) As of December 31, 2002, the most recent statement available.
- (3) As of December 31, 2002, the most recent statement available.
- (4) One-third of the Stock Options are exercisable 2/21/2001, one-third are exercisable on 2/21/2002, and one-third are exercisable on 2/21/2003.
- (5) One-third of the Stock Options are exercisable 2/25/03, one-third are exercisable 2/25/04, and one-third are exercisable 2/25/05.

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