

CENTURYTEL INC  
Form 8-K  
March 26, 2007

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

**FORM 8-K**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

**March 26, 2007**

**CenturyTel, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation or  
organization)

1-7784  
(Commission File Number)

72-0651161  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (318) 388-9000

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Item Financial Statements and Exhibits  
9.01

- (d) Exhibits
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| 12 | Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges |
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTURYTEL,  
INC.

Dated: By: /s/ Neil A.  
March Sweasy  
26,  
2007

Neil A. Sweasy  
Vice President  
and Controller