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CENTURYTEL INC  
Form 8-K  
July 28, 2005

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 28, 2005

CenturyTel, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-7784 (Commission File Number)	72-0651161 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, Louisiana (Address of principal executive offices)	71203 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (318) 388-9000

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information, except for any forward-looking statements (including our forecasts for the upcoming quarter and year) and except for our references to non-GAAP financial measures (as defined in Regulation G promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission), shall be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement heretofore and hereafter filed by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except to the extent that such incorporated information is superceded by information as of a subsequent date that is included in or incorporated by reference into any such registration statement. None of the following information shall be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

On July 28, 2005, we issued a press release announcing our second quarter 2005 consolidated operating results. More complete information on our operating results will be included in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2005, which we expect to file shortly with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The complete press release is included as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit.

99 Press release dated July 28, 2005 reporting second

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quarter 2005 operating results.

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.

By: /s/ Neil A. Sweasy

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Neil A. Sweasy  
Vice President and Controller

Dated: July 28, 2005