

CENTURYTEL INC  
Form 4/A  
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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 \*  
**SWEASY NEIL**

(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)  
**02/25/2004**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/26/2004**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP and Controller

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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/25/2004		A	1,900 A \$ 0	2,676.54	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2004		M	26 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0	2,702.54	D	
Common Stock					3,370.57	I	By 401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					3,941.27	I	By ESOP <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock					1,268.61	I	By Stock Bonus Plan <sup>(4)</sup>

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>					<u>(15)</u> <u>(15)</u>	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.34	02/25/2004		A	6,500	02/25/2004 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/25/2014 <sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock
Performance Shares.98	<u>(7)</u>	02/25/2004		M	67	<u>(8)</u> <u>(9)</u>	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.33					<u>(10)</u> 01/02/2007	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.19					04/07/2000 04/07/2009	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.63					02/21/2001 <sup>(11)</sup> 02/21/2010	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.03					05/21/2002 <sup>(12)</sup> 05/21/2011	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.99					02/25/2003 <sup>(13)</sup> 02/25/2012	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.48					02/24/2004 <sup>(14)</sup> 02/24/2013	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWEASY NEIL 100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203			VP and Controller	

## Signatures

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

02/08/2005

\_\_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) Represents the number of shares earned under the performance shares granted in 1999, based on the Company's total shareholder return over a five year period compared to other telecommunications companies.
  - (2) As of most recent statement available
  - (3) As of December 31, 2003, the most recent statement available.
  - (4) As of December 31, 2003, the most recent statement available.
  - (5) One-third of the options are exercisable immediately, one-third are exercisable 2/25/05, and one-third are exercisable 2/25/06.
  - (6) Amended to correct error in termination date.
  - (7) Security converts on a 1-to-1 basis.
  - (8) The award vests based upon the Company's total shareholder return over a five year period compared to the other companies included in an index of telecommunications companies.
  - (9) As soon as practicable after December 31, 2002.
  - (10) Options were 50% exercisable on 01/02/99 and 50% exercisable on 01/02/2000.
  - (11) 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.
  - (12) One-third of the Stock Options are exercisable 5/21/02, one-third are exercisable 5/21/03, and one-third are exercisable 5/21/04.
  - (13) 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.
  - (14) One-third of the Stock Options are exercisable 2/24/04, one-third are exercisable 2/24/05, and one-third are exercisable 2/24/06.
  - (15) 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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