

MASLOWSKI MICHAEL E  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 02/20/2006

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)  
 Sr. VP & Chief Info. Off.

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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/20/2006		A	12,000 A \$ 0	38,515.88	D	
Common Stock					150.46	I	By 401(k) <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock					1,174.45	I	By ESOP <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock					373.39	I	By Stock Bonus Plan <u>(2)</u>

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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.41	02/20/2006		A	40,500	03/15/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/20/2016	Common Stock 40,500
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.54					03/24/2000 03/24/2009	Common Stock 19,100
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.63					02/21/2001 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/21/2010	Common Stock 50,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.99					02/25/2003 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/25/2012	Common Stock 81,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.48					02/24/2004 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/24/2013	Common Stock 26,900
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.34					02/25/2004 02/25/2014	Common Stock 13,400

