

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GOFF STACEY W

(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)  
Sr. VP, Gen. Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	02/25/2004		A	12,000 A \$ 0	12,000	D	
Common Stock					602.18	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					485.47	I	By ESOP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					347.5	I	By Stock Bonus Plan <sup>(2)</sup>

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.34	02/25/2004		A	40,500	02/25/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/25/2014 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	40,500	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.63					02/21/2001 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/21/2010	Common Stock	9,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.18					03/21/2002 03/21/2011	Common Stock	5,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.03					05/21/2002 <sup>(6)</sup> 05/21/2011	Common Stock	8,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.99					02/25/2003 <sup>(7)</sup> 02/25/2012	Common Stock	18,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.95					03/14/2004 03/14/2013	Common Stock	29,000	

buy)

Employee

Stock

Option       \$ 34.2

(right to

buy)

08/26/2004

08/26/2013

Common  
Stock

Phantom

Stock       \$ 0 <sup>(8)</sup>

Units

(9)(9)Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOFF STACEY W 100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203			Sr. VP, Gen. Counsel	

## Signatures

By: Kay Buehart,  
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) As of December 31, 2003, the most recent statement available.
- (2) As of December 31, 2003, the most recent statement available.
- (3) One-third of the options are exercisable immediately, one-third are exercisable 2/25/05, and one-third are exercisable 2/25/06.
- (4) Amended to correct error in termination date.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) Security converts on a 1-to-1 basis.
- (9) 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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