

CENTURYTEL INC
Form NT 11-K
June 29, 2001

Commission File Number 1-7784

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

[_] Transition Report on Form N-SAR

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the item(s) to which the notification relates: N/A

PART I - REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Former Name of Plan - CENTURY TELEPHONE ENTERPRISES, INC. RETIREMENT SAVINGS
PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES AND TRUST

Full Name of Registrant - CENTURYTEL, INC.

Address of principal executive office - 100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE, MONROE, LA. 71203

PART II - RULE 12b-25 (b) AND (c)

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If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate.)

- ☒ (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- ☒ (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, 20-F, 11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the 15th calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III - NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why the Form 10-K, 11-K, 20-F, 10-Q, N-SAR or the transition report portion thereof could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach extra sheets if needed.)

The CenturyTel, Inc. Union Retirement Savings Plan and Trust is administered by a third-party plan trustee. The plan changed trustees effective September 1, 2000. The non-discrimination testing that must be performed prior to completion of the plan's Annual Report on Form 11-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 (the "Report") has been delayed due to the plan initially receiving incorrect data from the previous plan trustee. The corrected data has been received by the plan and it is currently in the process of performing the non-discrimination testing. The plan expects to complete the required non-discrimination testing and file the Report and the accompanying Financial Statements prior to the date indicated in Part II(b) above.

PART IV - OTHER INFORMATION

- (1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

NEIL A. SWEASY

(318) 388-9817

(Name)

(Area Code) (Telephone Number)

- (2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

[X] Yes [] No

- (3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

N/A

[] Yes [] No

If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively

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and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

CENTURYTEL, INC. UNION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

(Name of Plan filing this Form)

Has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date JUNE 29, 2001

By /S/ R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.

R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.
Retirement Committee Member and
Executive Officer of CenturyTel, Inc.

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).