CZESCHIN CALVIN

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CZESCHIN CALVIN Issuer Symbol CENTURYTEL INC [CTL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 207 EAST 4TH ST. 05/09/2005 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653** Person

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securing (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/09/2005		S	872	D	\$ 30.48	338,000	D	
Common Stock							11,997	I	By Spouse

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNum of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D (Instr 4, an	vative rities nired or osed o) r. 3,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Contract (right to sell)	\$ 0						01/19/2006	01/19/2006	Common Stock	300,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.06						05/10/2003	05/10/2012	Common Stock	4,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.18						05/09/2004	05/09/2013	Common Stock	6,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.7						05/07/2005	05/07/2014	Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Treporting O Whor Trum (Trum 1988)	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CZESCHIN CALVIN 207 EAST 4TH ST. MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653	X						
Signatures							

By: Kay C. Buchart, 05/11/2005 Attorney-In-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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