#### CENTURYTEL INC

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## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

may continue.

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MELVILLE C G JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTURYTEL INC [CTL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Chech am apphicacle)		
334 WEST LI	VINGSTON	N PLACE	(Month/Day/Year) 06/07/2005	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
METAIRIE, LA 70005			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) T	able I - Non-D	Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature
Committee	(Month/Doy/Woon)	Evacution Data	if Transportion	om(A) on Diamond of (D)	Commities	Forms Dinget	Indinant

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Di	ispose	d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	06/07/2005		S	300	D	\$ 33.31	11,978.17	D	

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)

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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. Derivation of Derivation Acquired (A) or Dispoor (D) (Instr. 4, and	ative ities red sed		te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Prio Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
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						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MELVILLE C G JR 334 WEST LIVINGSTON PLACE METAIRIE, LA 70005	X						

## **Signatures**

By: Kay C. Buchart, Attorney-In-Fact 06/07/2005

\*\*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). Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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