

CENTURYTEL INC  
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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 \*  
 PUCKETT KAREN A

(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)  
 President & COO

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	02/25/2004		A		22,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					200	I	As Custodian For Child
Common Stock					347.86	I	By 401(k) (1)
Common Stock					331.27	I	By ESOP (2)
Common Stock					7.27	I	By Stock Bonus Plan

(3)

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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.34	02/25/2004		A	75,000	02/25/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/25/2014 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	75,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.19					<sup>(6)</sup>	07/25/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.03					05/21/2002 <sup>(7)</sup>	05/21/2011	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.99					02/25/2003 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/25/2012	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.48					02/24/2004 <sup>(9)</sup>	02/24/2013	Common Stock	15,000
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(10)</sup>					<sup>(11)</sup>	<sup>(11)</sup>	Common Stock	

