

CENTURYTEL INC  
Form 8-K  
August 22, 2007

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

**FORM 8-K**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

**August 21, 2007**

**CenturyTel, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation or  
organization)

1-7784  
(Commission File Number)

72-0651161  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (318) 388-9000

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On August 21, 2007, CenturyTel's board of directors approved a stock repurchase program authorizing us to repurchase up to \$750 million of our common stock. The board of directors also approved CenturyTel's regular quarterly cash dividend of \$.065 per share. For additional information, please see our press release included as Exhibit 99 herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibit

- 99 Press release dated August 21, 2007 announcing \$750 million stock repurchase program and regular quarterly cash dividend of \$.065 per share.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTURYTEL, INC.

Dated: August 22, 2007

By: /s/ Neil A. Sweasy  
Neil A. Sweasy  
Vice President and Controller