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CENTURYTEL INC
Form 8-K
August 21, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 17, 2001

CenturyTel, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-7784
(Commission File
Number)

72-0651161
(IRS 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

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On August 17, 2001, CenturyTel, Inc. ("CenturyTel") filed a complaint against Alltel Corporation in the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Monroe Division. The complaint seeks injunctive relief and damages for violation of federal and state laws. A copy of the text of the complaint filed by CenturyTel is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed with this Report:

99.1 Complaint, filed by CenturyTel on August 17, 2001.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CENTURYTEL, INC.

By: /s/ Neil A. Sweasy

Name: Neil A. Sweasy

Title: Vice President and Controller

Date: August 21, 2001

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