

CENTURYTEL INC  
Form S-8 POS  
August 22, 2001

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Registration No. 33-17113

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

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**POST-EFFECTIVE  
AMENDMENT NO. 3  
TO  
FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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CenturyTel, Inc.

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Louisiana**  
*(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)*

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

100 CenturyTel Drive  
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

*(Address, including zip code, of  
Principal Executive Offices)*

Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc.  
Employee Stock Purchase Plan

*(Full title of the plan)*

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Harvey P. Perry  
Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer,  
General Counsel and Secretary  
CenturyTel, Inc.  
100 CenturyTel Drive  
Monroe, Louisiana 71203  
(318) 388-9000

*(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of agent for service)*

Copy to:

Margaret F. Murphy  
Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre, L.L.P.  
201 St. Charles Avenue  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70170-5100

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The registrant hereby deregisters 960,190 shares of its common stock, \$1.00 par value per share, and associated preferred stock purchase rights (collectively, the "Shares"), which were registered by the registrant on its Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 33-17113) (the "Registration Statement") for issuance through the Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan"). As indicated in its proxy statement for the 2001 annual meeting of its stockholders, the registrant has replaced the Plan with the CenturyTel 2001 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Of the Shares registered by the registrant for issuance through the Plan, 960,190 Shares remain unissued as of the date of the filing of this Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement.

SIGNATURES

**The Registrant.** Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Monroe, State of Louisiana, on August 20, 2001.

CenturyTel, Inc.  
By: /s/ Glen F. Post, III  
Glen F. Post, III  
Vice Chairman of the Board,  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____ *	Director and Chairman of the Board	August 20, 2001

Clarke M. Williams

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<p><u>          /s/ Glen F. Post, III          </u> Glen F. Post, III</p>	<p>Director, Vice Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p><u>  *</u> R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.</p>	<p>Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p><u>          /s/ Harvey P. Perry          </u> Harvey P. Perry</p>	<p>Director, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p><u>          /s/ William R. Boles, Jr.          </u> William R. Boles, Jr.</p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p><u>          /s/ Virginia Boulet          </u> Virginia Boulet</p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p><u>  *</u> Ernest Butler, Jr.</p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p><u>  *</u> Calvin Czeschin</p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p><u>  *</u></p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p>James B. Gardner <u>          /s/ W. Bruce Hanks          </u></p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p>W. Bruce Hanks <u>  *</u></p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p>R.L. Hargrove, Jr. <u>  *</u></p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p>Johnny Hebert <u>  *</u></p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p>F. Earl Hogan <u>  *</u></p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>August 20, 2001</p>
<p>C.G. Melville, Jr.</p>		

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Director

August 20, 2001

Jim D. Reppond

\*By:           /s/ Glen F. Post, III            
Glen F. Post, III  
Attorney-in-fact

August 20, 2001