

CENTURYTEL INC  
Form 8-K  
August 17, 2001

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**UNITED STATES 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 10, 2001**

**CENTURYTEL, INC.**

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

**LOUISIANA**

*(State or other jurisdiction*

**1-7784**

**72-0651161**

*of incorporation) (Commission*

*File Number) (I.R.S. Employer*

*Identification No.)*

100 CenturyTel Drive  
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

*(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)*

**(318) 388-9000**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**Not Applicable**

*(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)*

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Item 5. Other Events

(A) Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is a press release issued by the Registrant on August 17, 2001.

(B) Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 is a letter sent by the Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant to Scott T. Ford, President and Chief Operating Officer of ALLTEL Corporation, on August 10, 2001.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

**CENTURYTEL, INC.**

August 17, 2001

          /s/ Neil A. Sweasy          

Neil A. Sweasy  
Vice President and Controller