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## CenturyTel Declares Quarterly Cash Dividend

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MONROE, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 17, 2005--CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) today announced that its Board of Directors voted to declare a quarterly cash dividend of \$.06 per share, payable on December 16, 2005, to shareholders of record on December 2, 2005.

CenturyTel (NYSE: CTL) delivers advanced communications with a personal touch. The Company, included in the S&P 500 Index, is a leading provider of consumer and business communications solutions in rural areas and small to mid-size cities in 26 states. Visit CenturyTel at [www.centurytel.com](http://www.centurytel.com).

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