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## CenturyTel Increases Quarterly Cash Dividend

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MONROE, La., Feb. 27 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) today announced that its Board of Directors voted to increase the quarterly cash dividend to \$.065 from \$.0625 per share, a 4.0 percent increase, payable on March 23, 2007, to shareholders of record on March 12, 2007.

"CenturyTel is pleased to announce an increase in our common dividend for the 34th consecutive year," Glen F. Post III, CenturyTel's chairman and chief executive officer, said.

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