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## CenturyTel Increases Quarterly Cash Dividend

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MONROE, La., Feb. 26 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) announces that its Board of Directors voted to increase the quarterly cash dividend to \$.0675 from \$.065 per share, a 3.8 percent increase, payable on March 24, 2008, to shareholders of record on March 10, 2008. "CenturyTel is pleased to announce an increase in our common dividend for the 35th consecutive year," Glen F. Post III, CenturyTel's chairman and chief executive officer, said.

CenturyTel (NYSE: CTL) is a leading provider of communications, high-speed Internet and entertainment services in small-to-mid-size cities through our broadband and fiber transport networks. Included in the S&P 500 Index, CenturyTel delivers advanced communications with a personal touch to customers in 25 states. Visit us at <http://www.centurytel.com>.

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