



NEWS RELEASE

CenturyTel Reports First Quarter Earnings

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MONROE, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 29, 2004--CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE:CTL) announces operating results for first quarter 2004.

- Operating revenues increased 2.7% to \$593.7 million from \$578.0 million.
- Operating cash flow (as defined in the attached financial schedules), excluding nonrecurring items, rose to \$310.5 million.
- Net income, excluding nonrecurring items, grew 3.2% to \$83.3 million. Reported under GAAP, net income was \$83.3 million compared to \$83.9 million in first quarter 2003.
- Diluted earnings per share, excluding nonrecurring items, increased 3.6% to \$.58 from \$.56 in first quarter 2003. Reported under GAAP, diluted earnings per share for both first quarter 2004 and first quarter 2003 were \$.58.
- Free cash flow (as defined in the attached financial schedules) was \$148.5 million in first quarter 2004.
- During the first quarter, the Company repurchased 4,942,000 shares of common stock under its share repurchase program.

First Quarter Highlights(1)	Quarter	Quarter	
(In thousands, except per share	Ended	Ended	% Change
amounts and customer units	3/31/04	3/31/03	

Operating Revenues	\$ 593,704	\$ 578,014	2.7%
Operating Cash Flow	\$ 310,549	\$ 306,579	1.3%
Net Income	\$ 83,279	\$ 80,696	3.2%
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$.58	\$.56	3.6%
Average Diluted Shares Outstanding	143,347	143,797	(0.3)%
Capital Expenditures	\$ 61,745	\$ 59,669	3.5%

Telephone Access Lines	2,366,420	2,407,152	(1.7)%
Long Distance Lines(2)	971,922	848,810	14.5%
DSL Connections	97,092	60,615	60.2%

(1) These results include adjustments for nonrecurring items and other non-GAAP financial measures. A reconciliation of these items to comparable GAAP measures is included in the attached financial schedules.

(2) Effective first quarter 2004, long distance units are reported on a line basis instead of a customer basis. First quarter 2003 has been restated on a line basis to ensure period-to-period comparability.

"CenturyTel achieved both revenue and earnings growth in the first quarter while continuing to generate strong free cash flow," Glen F. Post, III, chairman and chief executive officer, said. "We also made excellent progress with our share repurchase program announced in February, investing over \$139 million to acquire more than 4.9 million shares of common stock."

As previously announced, CenturyTel is presenting its results of operations in a single segment format beginning first quarter 2004. The Company is also reporting separate revenue components that align with its major products and services. However, CenturyTel is providing operating cash flow and operating income information on a consolidated basis only. Quarterly and full year 2003 financial results have been restated to conform to the single segment format and are included in the attached schedules.

Operating revenues rose 2.7% to \$593.7 million in first quarter 2004 from \$578.0 million in first quarter 2003. This \$15.7 million revenue increase was driven primarily by the fiber assets acquired during 2003, data revenue growth from DSL subscriber and data circuit additions and increased enhanced calling feature penetration. These increases more than offset revenue declines attributable to lower intrastate toll revenues and universal service funding, along with access line losses.

Operating expenses, excluding nonrecurring items, increased 3.0% to \$410.1 million, or \$11.9 million over first quarter 2003. Cost of services and products increased \$3.7 million primarily due to the fiber assets acquired during 2003. Selling, general and administrative expenses, excluding nonrecurring items, increased \$8.0 million primarily

due to the 2003 fiber asset acquisitions, increases in employee costs and increased marketing expenses.

Operating cash flow, excluding nonrecurring items, increased 1.3% to \$310.5 million from \$306.6 million. CenturyTel achieved an operating cash flow margin, excluding nonrecurring items, of 52.3% during the quarter versus 53.0% in first quarter 2003.

Net income, excluding nonrecurring items, increased 3.2% to \$83.3 million from \$80.7 million in first quarter 2003 due to a \$3.7 million increase in operating income and lower interest expense, which were partially offset by the previously announced increase in state income taxes. Diluted earnings per share, excluding nonrecurring items, increased 3.6% to \$.58 from \$.56.

"The launch of tiered DSL service during the first quarter across CenturyTel's more than 1.5 million DSL-enabled lines was well received as we added more than 13,600 DSL customers, a 90% increase over net additions in fourth quarter 2003. Additionally, a majority of these customers selected bundles with higher speed service offerings," Post said.

For first quarter 2004, CenturyTel reported, under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), operating revenues of \$593.7 million, a 2.7% increase from \$578.0 million in first quarter 2003. The Company reported net income of \$83.3 million and diluted earnings per share of \$.58, compared to \$83.9 million and \$.58 per diluted share, respectively, in first quarter 2003. Net income in first quarter 2003 included a nonrecurring \$5.0 million pre-tax partial recovery of amounts previously written off in connection with the WorldCom bankruptcy.

For the second quarter 2004, CenturyTel expects total revenues of \$590 to \$605 million and diluted earnings per share of \$.52 to \$.56, which reflects \$4.6 million of expenses in connection with the planned prepayment in early May of the Company's \$100 million aggregate principal amount of Series B senior notes. For the full year 2004, diluted earnings per share is expected to be in the range of \$2.20 to \$2.35, an increase of \$.15 over previously provided guidance. This increase in full year 2004 EPS guidance is primarily due to stronger first quarter revenues than expected, lower 2004 expenses than originally forecast and fewer fully diluted shares as a result of share repurchases during the first quarter.

These outlook figures are presented on a GAAP basis, excluding non-recurring items and the potential impact of any future mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, share repurchases or other similar business transactions.

Reconciliation to GAAP. This release includes certain non-GAAP financial measures, including but not limited to operating cash flow, free cash flow and adjustments to GAAP measures to exclude the effect of nonrecurring items. In addition to providing key metrics for management to evaluate the Company's performance, we believe these measurements assist readers in their understanding of period-to-period operating performance and in identifying

historical and prospective trends. Reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to the most comparable GAAP measures are included in the attached financial statements. Reconciliation of additional non-GAAP financial measures that may be discussed during the earnings call described below will be available on the Company's Web site at www.centurytel.com. Investors are urged to consider these non-GAAP measures in addition to, and not in substitution for, measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Investor Call. As previously announced, CenturyTel's management will host a conference call at 10:30 a.m. Central Time today. Interested parties can access the call by dialing 800.346.2923. The call will be accessible for replay until 1:00 p.m. Central Time, May 6, 2004, by calling 800.332.6854 and entering the conference ID number 3383. Investors can also listen to CenturyTel's earnings conference call and replay by accessing the Company's Web site at www.centurytel.com.

In addition to historical information, this release includes certain forward-looking statements, estimates and projections that are based on current expectations only, and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Actual events and results may differ materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected if one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect. Factors that could affect actual results include but are not limited to: the timing, success and overall effects of competition from a wide variety of competitive providers; the risks inherent in rapid technological change; the effects of ongoing changes in the regulation of the communications industry; the Company's ability to effectively manage its growth, including integrating newly-acquired businesses into the Company's operations, hiring adequate numbers of qualified staff, and successfully upgrading its billing and other information systems; possible changes in the demand for, or pricing of, the Company's products and services; the Company's ability to successfully introduce new product or service offerings on a timely and cost-effective basis; the Company's ability to collect its receivables from financially troubled communications companies; other risks referenced from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission; and the effects of more general factors such as changes in interest rates, in accounting policies or practices, in operating, medical or administrative costs, in general market, labor or economic conditions, or in legislation, regulation or public policy. These and other uncertainties related to the Company's business are described in greater detail in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this release. The information contained in this release is as of April 29, 2004. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any of its forward-looking statements.

CenturyTel, Inc. provides communications services including local, long distance, Internet access and data services to more than 3 million customers in 22 states. The company, headquartered in Monroe, Louisiana, is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CTL, and is included in the S&P 500 Index. CenturyTel is

the 8th largest local exchange telephone company, based on access lines, in the United States. Visit CenturyTel at www.centurytel.com.

CenturyTel, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004 AND 2003
(UNAUDITED)

Three months ended
March 31, 2004

As
adjusted

Less excluding
non- non-

As recurring recurring

In thousands, except per share reported items items
amounts -----

OPERATING REVENUES

Local service	\$ 178,058	178,058
Network access	240,957	240,957
Long distance	44,589	44,589
Data	65,628	65,628
Fiber transport and CLEC	17,432	17,432
Other	47,040	47,040

593,704 - 593,704

OPERATING EXPENSES

Cost of services and products	181,549	181,549
Selling, general and administrative	101,606	101,606
Depreciation and amortization	126,992	126,992

410,147 - 410,147

OPERATING INCOME 183,557 - 183,557

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Interest expense (52,543) (52,543)

Income from unconsolidated cellular entity	2,059	2,059
Other income and expense	2,304	2,304
Income tax expense	(52,098)	(52,098)

NET INCOME \$ 83,279 - 83,279

BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE \$ 0.58 0.58
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE \$ 0.58 0.58

SHARES OUTSTANDING

Basic 142,585 142,585
Diluted 143,347 143,347

DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE \$ 0.0575 0.0575

Three months ended
March 31, 2003

As
adjusted

Less excluding
non- non-

As recurring recurring

In thousands, except per share reported items items
amounts

OPERATING REVENUES

Local service	177,013	177,013
Network access	246,330	246,330
Long distance	42,560	42,560
Data	58,136	58,136
Fiber transport and CLEC	5,895	5,895
Other	48,080	48,080

578,014 - 578,014

OPERATING EXPENSES

Cost of services and products	177,860	177,860
Selling, general and administrative	88,616 (4,959)(1)	93,575
Depreciation and amortization	126,765	126,765

393,241 (4,959) 398,200

OPERATING INCOME	184,773	4,959	179,814
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OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Interest expense	(55,592)	(55,592)	
Income from unconsolidated cellular entity	1,569	1,569	
Other income and expense	(932)	(932)	
Income tax expense	(45,899)	(1,736)(2)	(44,163)

NET INCOME	83,919	3,223	80,696
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BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	0.59	0.02	0.56
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	0.58	0.02	0.56

SHARES OUTSTANDING

Basic	142,901	142,901
Diluted	143,797	143,797

DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE	0.055	0.055
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Increase
(decrease)

Increase excluding
(decrease) nonrecurring

In thousands, except per share amounts as reported items

OPERATING REVENUES

Local service	0.6%	0.6%
Network access	(2.2%)	(2.2%)
Long distance	4.8%	4.8%
Data	12.9%	12.9%
Fiber transport and CLEC	195.7%	195.7%
Other	(2.2%)	(2.2%)
	2.7%	2.7%

OPERATING EXPENSES

Cost of services and products	2.1%	2.1%
Selling, general and administrative	14.7%	8.6%
Depreciation and amortization	0.2%	0.2%
	4.3%	3.0%

OPERATING INCOME	(0.7%)	2.1%
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OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Interest expense	(5.5%)	(5.5%)	
Income from unconsolidated cellular entity		31.2%	31.2%
Other income and expense	(347.2%)	(347.2%)	
Income tax expense	13.5%	18.0%	
NET INCOME	(0.8%)	3.2%	
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	(1.7%)	3.6%	
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	-%	3.6%	
SHARES OUTSTANDING			
Basic	(0.2%)	(0.2%)	
Diluted	(0.3%)	(0.3%)	
DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE		4.5%	4.5%

NONRECURRING ITEMS

- (1) - Partial recovery of amounts previously written off in connection with WorldCom bankruptcy.
(2) - Tax effect of item (1).

CenturyTel, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS MARCH 31, 2004 AND DECEMBER 31, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

	Mar. 31, 2004	Dec. 31, 2003
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	(in thousands)	
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 273,293	203,181
Other current assets	239,807	259,758
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Total current assets	513,100	462,939
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NET PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Property, plant and equipment	7,227,139	7,184,155
Accumulated depreciation	(3,838,323)	(3,728,674)
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Net property, plant and equipment	3,388,816	3,455,481
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INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS

Goodwill	3,426,714	3,425,001
Other	567,875	552,431
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Total investments and other assets	3,994,589	3,977,432
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,896,505	7,895,852
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 172,258	72,453
Other current liabilities	438,179	398,930
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Total current liabilities	610,437	471,383

LONG-TERM DEBT	3,016,992	3,109,302
DEFERRED CREDITS AND OTHER LIABILITIES	854,432	836,651
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	3,414,644	3,478,516
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 7,896,505	7,895,852
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RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES
(UNAUDITED)

Three months ended
March 31, 2004

	As		
	adjusted		
	Less excluding		
	non- non-		
	As recurring recurring		
In thousands	reported items items		

Consolidated operating cash flow and cash flow margin			
Operating income	\$ 183,557	-	183,557

Add: Depreciation and amortization	126,992	126,992

Consolidated operating cash flow	\$ 310,549	- 310,549
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Revenues	\$ 593,704	- 593,704
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Consolidated operating income margin (operating income divided by revenues)	30.9%	30.9%
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Consolidated cash flow margin (operating cash flow divided by revenues)	52.3%	52.3%
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Free cash flow (prior to debt service requirements and dividends)		
Net income	\$ 83,279	- 83,279
Add: Depreciation and amortization	126,992	- 126,992
Less: Capital expenditures	(61,745)	- (61,745)

Free cash flow	\$ 148,526	- 148,526
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Free cash flow	\$ 148,526
Income from unconsolidated cellular entity	(2,059)
Deferred income taxes	26,673
Changes in current assets and current liabilities	57,695
Increase in other noncurrent assets	(11,032)
Decrease in other noncurrent liabilities	(3,949)
Retirement benefits	10,830
Other, net	(4,989)
Add: Capital expenditures	61,745

Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 283,440
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Three months ended
March 31, 2003

In thousands	As adjusted	Less excluding non- non- recurring recurring	As reported	items	items
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Consolidated operating cash flow and cash flow margin					
Operating income	184,773	4,959(1)	179,814		
Add: Depreciation and amortization	126,765		126,765		
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Consolidated operating cash flow	311,538	4,959	306,579		
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Revenues	578,014	-	578,014		
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Consolidated operating income margin (operating income divided by revenues)					
	32.0%		31.1%		
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Consolidated cash flow margin (operating cash flow divided by revenues)					
	53.9%		53.0%		
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Free cash flow (prior to debt service requirements and dividends)					
Net income	83,919	3,223(1)	80,696		
Add: Depreciation and amortization	126,765	-	126,765		
Less: Capital expenditures	(59,669)	-	(59,669)		
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Free cash flow	151,015	3,223	147,792		
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Free cash flow	151,015				
Income from unconsolidated cellular entity	(1,569)				
Deferred income taxes	9,502				
Changes in current assets and					

current liabilities	104,810
Increase in other noncurrent assets	(6,751)
Decrease in other noncurrent liabilities	(588)
Retirement benefits	5,139
Other, net	(1,926)
Add: Capital expenditures	59,669

Net cash provided by operating activities	319,301
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(1) Partial recovery of amounts previously written off in connection with WorldCom bankruptcy (presented on both a pre-tax and after-tax basis).

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2003, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
AND DECEMBER 31, 2003
RESTATED FOR SINGLE SEGMENT PRESENTATION (a)
(UNAUDITED)

	Three months ended June 30, 2003	

	As adjusted	
	Less	excluding
	non-	non-
	As	recurring
In thousands, except per share amounts	reported	recurring items
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OPERATING REVENUES		
Local service	\$ 178,360	178,360
Network access	248,220	248,220
Long distance	43,201	43,201
Data	60,672	60,672
Fiber transport and CLEC	9,036	9,036
Other	47,240	47,240
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	586,729	- 586,729
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OPERATING EXPENSES

Cost of services and products	183,960	183,960
Selling, general and administrative	89,723	89,723
Depreciation and amortization	124,665	124,665

 398,348 - 398,348

OPERATING INCOME 188,381 - 188,381

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Interest expense	(55,957)	(55,957)
Income from unconsolidated cellular entity	1,590	1,590
Other income and expense	974	974
Income tax expense	(47,621)	(47,621)

 NET INCOME \$ 87,367 - 87,367
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BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE \$ 0.61 0.61
 DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE \$ 0.60 0.60

SHARES OUTSTANDING

Basic	143,329	143,329
Diluted	144,475	144,475

DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE \$ 0.055 0.055

Three months ended
 September 30, 2003

As
 adjusted
 Less excluding
 non- non-

As recurring recurring

In thousands, except per share reported items items
 amounts -----

OPERATING REVENUES

Local service	179,136	179,136
Network access	252,757	252,757
Long distance	45,207	45,207

Data	62,008	62,008	
Fiber transport and CLEC	13,530	13,530	
Other	47,626	47,626	

	600,264	- 600,264	

OPERATING EXPENSES			
Cost of services and products	190,193	190,193	
Selling, general and administrative	94,561	94,561	
Depreciation and amortization	124,729	124,729	

	409,483	- 409,483	

OPERATING INCOME	190,781	- 190,781	
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)			
Interest expense	(54,360)	(54,360)	
Income from unconsolidated cellular entity	1,736	1,736	
Other income and expense	(1,076)	(1,076)	
Income tax expense	(46,102)	2,527(1)	(48,629)

NET INCOME	90,979	2,527	88,452
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BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE			
	0.63	0.02	0.61
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE			
	0.63	0.02	0.61
SHARES OUTSTANDING			
Basic	143,897	143,897	
Diluted	145,171	145,171	
DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE			
	0.055	0.055	

Three months ended
December 31, 2003

As
adjusted

Less excluding
non- non-

As recurring recurring

In thousands, except per share reported items items

amounts

OPERATING REVENUES

Local service	178,056		178,056
Network access	254,155	1,500(2)	252,655
Long distance	42,916		42,916
Data	64,182		64,182
Fiber transport and CLEC	14,580		14,580
Other	48,714		48,714
	602,603	1,500	601,103

OPERATING EXPENSES

Cost of services and products	187,197		187,197
Selling, general and administrative	101,452	7,500(2)	93,952
Depreciation and amortization	127,493		127,493
	416,142	7,500	408,642

OPERATING INCOME 186,461 (6,000) 192,461

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Interest expense	(60,842)	(7,500)(2)	(53,342)
Income from unconsolidated cellular entity	1,265		1,265
Other income and expense	3,188	3,000(3)	188
Income tax expense	(47,630)	3,675(4)	(51,305)

NET INCOME 82,442 (6,825) 89,267

BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE 0.57 (0.05) 0.62
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE 0.57 (0.05) 0.61

SHARES OUTSTANDING

Basic	144,204		144,204
Diluted	145,354		145,354

DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE 0.055 0.055

(a) Results of operations for 2003 have been restated to conform to the Company's 2004 presentation of a single reportable segment. In connection with this restatement, the Company has, among other things, (i) eliminated certain 2003 revenues arising out of

previously-reported intersegment transactions (which reduced operating expenses by a like amount and therefore had no impact on operating income), and (ii) reclassified depreciation expense related to certain service subsidiaries of the Company to depreciation expense from operating expenses. Previously with multiple segment presentation, such costs were allocated to the Company's regulated telephone operations as an operating expense.

NONRECURRING ITEMS

- (1) - Net out of period income tax adjustments.
- (2) - Operating taxes, including related revenue effect, and interest associated with various operating tax audits.
- (3) - Reversal of costs previously accrued to defend unsolicited takeover proposal.
- (4) - Tax effect of items (2) and (3).

CenturyTel, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
 TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
 RESTATED FOR SINGLE SEGMENT PRESENTATION (a)
 (UNAUDITED)

	Twelve months ended December 31, 2003		

	As adjusted		
	Less excluding		
	non- non-		
	As recurring recurring		
In thousands, except per share amounts	As	reported	items items

OPERATING REVENUES			
Local service	712,565	-	712,565
Network access	1,001,462	1,500(2)	999,962
Long distance	173,884	-	173,884
Data	244,998	-	244,998
Fiber transport and CLEC	43,041	-	43,041
Other	191,660	-	191,660

	2,367,610	1,500	2,366,110

OPERATING EXPENSES

Cost of services and products	739,210	-	739,210
Selling, general and administrative	374,352	2,541(1)	371,811
Depreciation and amortization	503,652	-	503,652

 1,617,214 2,541 1,614,673

OPERATING INCOME 750,396 (1,041) 751,437

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Interest expense	(226,751)	(7,500)(2)	(219,251)
Income from unconsolidated cellular entity	6,160	-	6,160
Other income and expense	2,154	3,000(3)	(846)
Income tax expense	(187,252)	4,466(4)	(191,718)

 NET INCOME 344,707 (1,075) 345,782
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BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE 2.40 (0.01) 2.41
 DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE 2.38 (0.01) 2.39

SHARES OUTSTANDING

Basic	143,583	143,583
Diluted	144,700	144,700

DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE 0.22 0.22

(a) Results of operations for 2003 have been restated to conform to the Company's 2004 presentation of a single reportable segment. In connection with this restatement, the Company has, among other things, (i) eliminated certain 2003 revenues arising out of previously-reported intersegment transactions (which reduced operating expenses by a like amount and therefore had no impact on operating income), and (ii) reclassified depreciation expense related to certain service subsidiaries of the Company to depreciation expense from operating expenses. Previously with multiple segment presentation, such costs were allocated to the Company's regulated telephone operations as an operating expense.

NONRECURRING ITEMS

- (1) - Includes operating taxes associated with various audits (\$7.5 million), net of partial recovery of amounts previously written off in connection with WorldCom bankruptcy (\$5.0 million).
- (2) - Includes interest cost (\$7.5 million) associated with various

operating tax audits and revenue effect of operating taxes in (1) above (\$1.5 million).

(3) - Reversal of costs previously accrued to defend unsolicited takeover proposal.

(4) - Net out of period income tax adjustments (\$2.5 million credit), net of tax effect of items (1) through (3).

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