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CenturyTel Schedules Fourth Quarter 2007 Earnings Conference Call

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MONROE, La., Jan. 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) plans to release its fourth quarter 2007 earnings results pre-market opening on Thursday, February 14, 2008, and host a related conference call at 10:30 a.m. CST that day.

The conference call will be streamed live over CenturyTel's Web site at <http://www.centurytel.com>. Interested parties can also access the call by dialing 866.244.4635 five minutes prior to the start of the call. A digital recording of the call will be available beginning at 2:30 p.m. CST on February 14, 2008 and ending February 20, 2008, at 11:59 p.m. CST. The replay can be accessed by calling 888.266.2081 and entering the access code: 1185533. A replay of the call will also be available on the Web site beginning at 2:00 p.m. CST on February 14, 2008 and ending March 5, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. CST.

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