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## CenturyTel to Participate in Analyst Conference

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MONROE, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 19, 2005--CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) announces that it is scheduled to participate in the following analyst conference:

Citigroup 16th Annual Entertainment, Media & Telecommunications Conference	Tuesday January 10
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The conference host will be providing webcast availability. For information regarding the specific presentation time and webcast, please visit CenturyTel's Web site at [www.centurytel.com](http://www.centurytel.com), Investor Relations, Calendar of Events. Participation in this conference is subject to change due to unforeseen events. Therefore, please check the company's Investor Relations Calendar of Events prior to the conference.

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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