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CenturyTel to Participate in Analyst Conferences

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MONROE, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 21, 2005--CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) announces that it is scheduled to participate in the following analyst conferences:

Morgan Stanley	Thursday	
10th Annual Media & Communications Conference		May 5
CIBC	Tuesday	
Annual Communications & Technology Conference		May 10
Lehman Brothers	Wednesday	
Worldwide Wireless and Wireline Conference		June 1
Deutsche Bank	Wednesday	
13th Annual Media & Telecom Conference		June 8
Wachovia	Tuesday	
15th Annual Nantucket Equity Conference		June 28

Conference hosts may provide webcast availability in some cases. For information regarding specific presentation times and webcast availability, please visit CenturyTel's Web site at www.centurytel.com, Investor Relations, Calendar of Events. Participation in these conferences is subject to change due to unforeseen events. Therefore, please check the company's Investor Relations Calendar of Events prior to the conference.

CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) provides a full range of local, long distance, Internet and broadband services to consumers in 22 states. Included in the S&P 500 Index, CenturyTel is a leading provider of integrated

communications services to rural areas and small to mid-size cities in the United States. Visit CenturyTel at www.centurytel.com.

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