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CenturyTel to Participate in Analyst Conferences

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MONROE, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 1, 2005--CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) announces that it is scheduled to participate in the following analyst conferences:

Bear Stearns SMid-Cap Investor Conference	Monday November 7
UBS Tenth Annual Global Communications Conference	Tuesday November 15
CIBC World Markets "Best Ideas" Small & Mid Cap Conference	Tuesday November 29
Credit Suisse Communications Services and Technology Conference	Wednesday November 30

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 each 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.

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