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CenturyTel to Participate in Analyst Conferences

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MONROE, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 24, 2006--CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) announces that it is scheduled to participate in the following analyst conferences:

Merrill Lynch	Wednesday	
Communications Forum		March 1
Raymond James	Monday	
27th Annual Institutional Investors Conference		March 6
Stifel Nicolaus	Wednesday	
Financial Conference at TelecomNEXT		March 22
Banc of America	Wednesday	
2006 Telecommunications, Media, and Entertainment Conference		March 29

Conference hosts may provide webcast availability in some cases. For information regarding the 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) is a leading provider of consumer and business communications solutions in rural areas and small to mid-size cities in 26 states and is included in the S&P 500 Index. The Company delivers advanced communications with a personal touch. Visit CenturyTel at www.centurytel.com.

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