

CENTURYTEL INC  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2001

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: December 7, 2001

**CENTURYTEL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Louisiana**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-7784**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**72-0651161**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**100 CenturyTel Drive**  
**Monroe, Louisiana 71203**  
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(318) 388-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

*(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)*

**Item 5. Other Events.**

To correct inaccurate press reports about CenturyTel's references to its guidance at the Lehman Brothers Telecom Conference held on Thursday, December 6, 2001, CenturyTel clarifies that the guidance referred to at the Conference was the same guidance provided by the Company in conjunction with its third quarter earnings release on October 31,

2001. The Company has not modified nor reaffirmed its guidance since October 31, 2001.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CENTURYTEL, INC.**

By:                   /s/ Neil A. Sweasy                    
Neil A. Sweasy  
Vice President and  
Controller

Dated: December 7, 2001