

CENTURYTEL INC  
Form 8-K  
January 29, 2009

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

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

January 27, 2009

CenturyTel, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-7784 (Commission File Number)	72-0651161 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (318) 388-9000

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 27, 2009, CenturyTel, Inc. and Embarq Corporation announced that shareholders of both companies approved all proposals related to their pending merger transaction.

Please see the accompanying press release included as Exhibit 99.1 concerning the shareholder approval of the merger.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated January 27, 2009 announcing shareholder approval of merger.

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.

Dated: January 29, 2009

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