

POST GLEN F III  
Form 4  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
POST GLEN F III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CENTURYTEL INC [CTL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

CEO and President

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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MONROE, LA 71203

(City) (State) (Zip)

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/09/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>		43,700	A	\$ 34.63
							560,491.64
Common Stock	12/09/2009		S <sup>(2)</sup>		43,700	D	\$ 36.1194
							516,791.64
Common Stock	12/10/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>		276,300	A	\$ 34.63
							793,091.64
Common Stock	12/10/2009		S <sup>(2)</sup>		276,300	D	\$ 36.1403
							516,791.64

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.63	12/09/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	43,700	02/21/2001 02/21/2010	Common Stock 43,700
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.63	12/10/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	276,300	02/21/2001 02/21/2010	Common Stock 276,300

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POST GLEN F III 100 CENTURYTEL DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203	X		CEO and President	

## Signatures

Kay McMillan,  
attorney-in-fact  
12/11/2009  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Exercised pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan.

(2) Sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan.

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