#### **BOULET VIRGINIA**

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## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BOULET VIRGINIA** Issuer Symbol CENTURYTEL INC [CTL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title **426 STATE STREET** 05/12/2006 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118 Person

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Ac	equired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	nsactionAcquired (A) or			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Reported		
					or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/12/2006		A	2,663	A	\$0	9,525	D	
Common Stock							955	I	As Custodian For Child

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. DrNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Prio Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.18					05/09/2004	05/09/2013	Common Stock	6,000	

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
BOULET VIRGINIA 426 STATE STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118	X						

## **Signatures**

By: Kay C. Buchart, 05/12/2006 Attorney-In-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **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).

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