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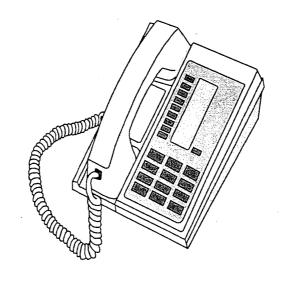
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PUELIO SERVICE COMMISSION

# ANNUAL REPORT

CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

# TELEPHONE UTILITY



TO THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MONTANA
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# 2005 Telephone Annual Report

#### Instructions

#### General

- 1. A Microsoft EXCEL workbook of the annual report is being provided on computer disk for your convenience. The workbook contains the schedules of the annual report. Each schedule is on the worksheet named that schedule. For example, Schedule 1 is on the sheet titled "Schedule 1". By entering your company name in the cell named "Company" of the first worksheet, the spreadsheet will put your company name on all the worksheets in the workbook. The same is true for inputting the year of the report in the cell named "YEAR". You can "GOTO" the proper cell by using the F5 key and selecting the name of the cell. You may also obtain these instructions and the report in both an Adobe Acrobat format and as an EXCEL file from our website at <a href="http://psc.mt.gov/">http://psc.mt.gov/</a> under the "Reports" section on that page. Please be sure you use the 2005 report form. It has been updated and slightly changed from the 2004 report.
- 2. Use of the disk is optional. The disk and the report cover shall be returned when the report is filed. There are macros built into the workbook to assist you with the report.
- 3. All forms must be filled out in permanent ink and be legible. Note: Even if the computer disk is used, a printed version of the report shall be filed. **Please submit one unbound copy of the annual report along with the regular number of annual reports that you submit.** This aids in scanning the report so that it may be published on our web site. The orientation and margins are set up on each individual worksheet and should print on one page. If you elect not to use the disk, please format your reports to fit on one 8.5" by 11" page with the left binding edge (top if landscaped) set at .85", the right edge (bottom if landscaped) set at .4", and the remaining two margins at .5".
- 4. Unless otherwise indicated, all information required in these schedules shall be from the accounts prescribed in 47 C.F.R. Part 32 and the definitions and instructions therein will apply to this report wherever applicable.
- 5. Information on financial schedules may be rounded to thousands of dollars for companies with over 5,000 access lines. Companies submitting schedules rounded to thousands should so indicate at the top of the schedule.
- 6. Where more space is needed or more than one schedule is needed additional schedules may be attached and should be included directly behind the original schedule to which it pertains and be labeled accordingly (for example, Schedule 1A).

- 7. The information required with respect to any statement shall be furnished as a minimum requirement to which shall be added such further information as is necessary to make the required schedules not misleading.
- 8. The following schedules should be filled out with information on a total company basis:

Schedules 1 - 4 Schedule 10 Schedules 13 - 17 Schedule 19 Schedule 20, Page 1 of 2 Schedules 33 and 34

All other schedules should be filled out with Montana specific data. Financial schedules should include all amounts originating in Montana or allocated to Montana from other jurisdictions.

- All companies owned by another company shall attach a corporate structure chart of the holding company.
- 10. The following schedules are not required to be filled out or submitted by companies with less than 5,000 access lines:

Schedule 6 Schedules 17 and 18 Schedule 21

- 11. Schedules that have no activity during the year or are not applicable to the respondent should be marked as not applicable and submitted with the report.
- 12. Companies with under 5,000 lines may use summary accounts and should leave lines for subaccounts blank. Summary accounts are noted with an asterisk and subaccounts that are not required are noted with a caret.
- 13. Companies with over 5,000 lines must complete schedules to all required subaccount detail.
- 14. FCC Form M sheets may not be substituted in lieu of completing annual report schedules.
- 15. Common sense must be used when filling out all schedules.

#### **Specific Instructions**

Schedules 6, 7, 8, 18, 29, 30 and 35

1. The Montana Public Service Commission approved intrastate depreciation rates must be utilized in the preparation of these schedules.

Schedules 3 through 9

- 1. **Schedules 3, 4, and 9** should include all notes to the financial statements required by the FCC or included in the financial statements issued as audited financial statements. These notes should be included in the report directly behind the schedules and should be labeled appropriately (Schedule 3A, etc.).
- 2. Schedule 5 may be omitted for companies doing business only in Montana.
- 3. **Schedule 6** is not required for companies with under 5,000 lines.
- 4. **Schedule 7** must be completed by all companies. For companies under 5,000 lines, this schedule may be completed on a total state basis. Any such company completing the form on a total state basis shall indicate this fact clearly on the form.
- 5. **Schedule 8** Companies with less than 5,000 lines are not required to fill out the intrastate portion. The regulated rate base must be separated from the deregulated rate base but this may be done on a total state basis. Any company so doing shall clearly indicate this on the form.
- 6. Only accounts designated on **Schedule 8** may be included in rate base. Only companies who have specifically been authorized in a Commission order to include cash working capital in rate base may fill out line 8 on Schedule 8. Cash working capital must be calculated using the methodology approved in the Commission order. The most recent Commission Order, and Docket, specifying cash working capital shall be noted on the schedule.
- 7. **Schedule 9** Instructions to complete are similar to those used for the Statement of Cash Flows in the FCC Form M.

#### Schedule 10

1. For the purpose of this schedule, nonofficial companies shall include any company in which the respondent has an ownership interest which does not meet the definition of an affiliated company set out in 47 C.F.R. Section 32.9000. This schedule shall not include telecommunications accounts receivable from other customers.

#### Schedule 11

1. All amounts listed in Column f that represent individual items for which the higher of cost or market value was in excess of \$50,000 for companies with under 5,000 lines and in excess of \$100,000 for companies with over 5,000 lines must be fully explained in notes to this schedule. The explanation must include the plant description and location, the original cost, the net book cost, the market value, the value at which it was transferred or the price at which it was sold, and the party to which it was transferred or sold.

#### Schedule 12

- 1. Respondents shall list each item amounting individually to \$100,000 or more and report all others in the aggregate.
- 2. Amounts in Column f relating to individual items exceeding \$50,000 shall be fully explained.

#### Schedule 15

- 1. Line 1 must be completed by all companies for the most recent calendar year. The retention and price/earnings ratios shall be calculated on a year end basis. Enter the actual year end market price in the "Year Ended" row. If the computer disk is used, enter the year end market price in the "High" column.
- 2. Lines starting at 9 shall be completed for each of the twelve months of the report year for all companies with over 5,000 access lines. Earnings per share and dividends per share shall be reported on a quarterly basis and entries shall be made only to the months that end the respective quarters (for example, March, June, September, and December.)

#### Schedule 19

- 1. All companies are required to submit this form. Companies with more than one plan (for example, both a retirement plan and a deferred savings plan) shall complete a schedule for each plan.
- 2. Companies with defined benefit plans must complete the entire form using FASB 87 and 132 guidelines.
- 3. Interest rate percentages shall be listed to two decimal places.

#### Schedule 20

- 1. All changes to the employee benefit plans shall be explained in a narrative on lines 15 and 16. All cost containment measures implemented in the reporting year shall be explained and quantified in a narrative on lines 15 & 16. All assumptions used in quantifying cost containment results shall be disclosed.
- 2. The schedule shall be filled out using FASB 106 and 132 guidelines.

#### Schedule 21

1. Respondents shall disclose all payments made during the year where the aggregate payment to the recipient was \$25,000 or more. Payments must include fees, retainers, commissions, gifts, contributions, assessments, bonuses, subscriptions, allowances for expenses or any other form of payment for services or as a donation.

#### Schedule 23

1. Respondents shall provide an attached sheet detailing the type and corresponding number of access lines for all entries in Column L (Other). At the company's option, it may file for this information to be considered proprietary, however, the totals are not considered proprietary and need to be filed in the public annual report.

#### Schedule 24

- 1. Column (b). For each wire center that has a configuration of "Remote", Column (b) shall also reflect the respective "Host".
- 2. Column (c). Examples of Types of Switches are: Digital, Step by Step, and Crossbar.

#### Schedule 25

1. This schedule must be completed by all companies for the year following the reporting year.

#### Schedule 25a

1. This schedule should reflect the amount of total dollars spent in Montana during the reporting year and booked to the accounts listed on the schedule per the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 47, Chapter 1, Part 32. Universal System of Accounts.

#### Schedule 26

1. Respondents shall either report construction technicians and splicers as separate categories or footnote the appropriate categories and indicate the number of (1) construction technicians; and (2) splicers.

#### Schedule 27

- 1. Include in column (d) ALL additional forms of compensation, including, but not limited to: deferred compensation, deferred savings plan, profit sharing, supplemental or non-qualified retirement plan, employee stock ownership plan, restricted stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance share awards, dividend equivalent shares, mortgage payments, use of company cars or car lease payments, tax preparation consulting, financial consulting, home security systems, company-paid physicals, subscriptions to periodicals, memberships, association or club dues, tuition reimbursement, employee discounts, and spouse travel.
- 2. The above compensation items shall be listed separately. Where more space is needed additional schedules may be attached and shall be included directly behind the original schedule to which it pertains.

#### Schedule 28

- 1. Respondents shall provide all executive compensation information in conformance with that required by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) (Regulation S-K Item 402, Executive Compensation).
- 2. Include in column (d) ALL additional forms of compensation, including, but not limited to: deferred compensation, deferred savings plan, profit sharing, supplemental or non-qualified retirement plan, employee stock ownership plan, restricted stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance share awards, dividend equivalent shares, mortgage payments, use of company cars or car lease payments, tax preparation consulting, financial consulting, home security systems, company-paid physicals, subscriptions to periodicals, memberships, association or club dues, tuition reimbursement, employee discounts, and spouse travel.

- 3. All items included in Column (d) Other Compensation shall be listed separately. Where more space is needed additional schedules may be attached and shall be included directly behind the original schedule.
- 4. In addition, respondents shall attach a copy of the executive compensation information provided to the SEC.

#### Schedule 29

1. Information from this schedule is consolidated with information from other Utilities and reported to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Your assistance in completing this schedule, even though information may be located in other areas of the annual report, expedites reporting to the NARUC and is appreciated.

#### Schedule 30 and 30a

1. If the total of lines 35 on these schedules differs from Line 31 on Schedule 7 please reconcile the difference.

#### Schedules 33 and 34

- 1. Respondents shall report all transactions with affiliated companies.
- 2. Column (c). Respondents shall indicate in column (c) the method used to determine the price. Respondents shall indicate if a contract is in place between the Affiliate and the Utility. If a contract is in place, respondents shall indicate the year the contract was initiated, the term of the contract and the method used to determine the contract price.
- 3. Column (c). If the method used to determine the price is different than the previous year, respondents shall provide an explanation, including the reason for the change.

#### Schedule 35

- 1. Respondents shall provide an attached sheet detailing the account and the amount for all entries made to Lines 9 and 16.
- 2. Only companies who have specifically been authorized in a Commission Order to include cash working capital in rate base may include cash working capital in lines 9 or 16. Cash working capital must be calculated using the methodology approved in the Commission Order. The Commission Order specifying cash working capital shall be noted on the attached sheet.
- 3. Respondents shall indicate, for each adjustment on lines 30 through 42, if the amount is updated or if it is from the last rate case. All adjustments shall be calculated using Commission methodology.

#### Schedule 36

1. Respondents shall list the amount of tax accrued or paid for the fiscal year attributable to Montana sources for each of the listed taxes

#### Schedule 37

2. Respondents shall list the amount of Universal Service Funds received from Montana and from the federal government.

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**Company Name:** 

1c. Percent Ownership:

CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

**SCHEDULE 1** 

Year: 2005

### **General Information**

Legal Name of Respondent: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. Name Under Which Respondent Does Business: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. 3 Date of Incorporation: October 23, 1946 Address to send Correspondence Concerning Report: P. O. Box 4065 Monroe, La. 71211-4065 Person Responsible for This Report: Ted M. Hankins Director of Economic Analysis Telephone Number: (318) 388-9416 Control Over Respondent If direct control over the respondent was held by another entity at the end of year provide the following: 1a. Name and address of the controlling organization or person: Pacfic Corp. Holdings, Inc. owned 100% of the voting securities of Pacific Telecom, Inc. until December 1, 1997, when these securities were sold to CenturyTel, Inc., P. O. Box 4065, Monroe, La. 71211-4065. 1b. Means by which control was held: Ownership of voting securities.

99%

		Board of Directors	
Line No.		Name of Director and Address (City, State)	Fees Paid During Year
140.		(a)	(b)
1	Glen F. Post, III	Chairman & CEO	None
2	Stacey W. Goff	Senior V.P., General Counsel, & Assistant Secretary	None
3 4	R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.	Executive V. P & CFO	None
5		Address for Directors:	
6		CenturyTel, Inc.	
7		P. O. Box 4065	
8		Monroe, La. 71211-4065	
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18	Chairman of the Board:		
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	Officers Year: 2005					
Line	Title	Department Over Which	Name and Address of Person			
No.	of Officer	Jurisdiction is Exercised	Holding Office at Year End			
190.	(a)	(b)	(c)			
1	Chairman & C.E.O.	Company Wide	Glen F. Post, III			
2	President & C.O.O.	11	Karen A. Puckett			
3	Executive V. P. & C.F.O.	11	R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.			
4	Senior Vice President	tt .	David D. Cole			
5	Senior Vice President	n .	Michael E. Maslowski			
6	Senior V.P., General Council,	#	Stacey W. Goff			
7	& Assistant Secretary	#				
8	Vice President & Controller	n n	Neil A. Sweasy			
9	Vice President & Treasurer	"	G. Clay Bailey			
10	Vice President	"	Tim Walden			
11	Vice President	"	Ivan Hughes			
12	Vice President	11	Jeff Glover			
	Secretary	"	Kay Buchart			
	Region Vice President	Mid-West Region	Duane Ring			
15	General Manager	CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.	Jeremy Ferkin			
16	Gorierar Manager	Contain y for or wiontaina, inc.	Jordiny 1 Orkin			
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18			All officers are based in Monroe, La.,			
19		1 1 1	except Duane Ring who is based in			
20			LaCrosse, Wisconsin and Jeremy Ferkin			
21			who is based in Kalispell, Montana.			
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			<b>Total Company Balance Sheet</b>		Year: 2005
Line		Acct.		This	Last
No.		No.	Description	Year	Year
140.		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1			CURRENT ASSETS:		
2		1120	Cash and Equivalents	12,390,242	14,946,253
3		1180	Telecommunications Accounts Receivable - Net	3,207,144	3,292,750
4		1190	Other Accounts Receivable - Net	2,034,019	3,018,714
5		1200	Notes Receivable - Net		, ,
6		1210	Interest and Dividends Receivable		
7		1220	Materials and Supplies	22,047	
8	*	1280	Prepayments	80,488	41,497
9	^	1290	Prepaid Rents		,
10	^	1300	Prepaid Taxes		
11	^	1310	Prepaid Insurance		
12	^	1320	Prepaid Directory Expenses		
13	^	1330	Other Prepayments	80,488	41,497
14		1350	Other Current Assets	00,100	11,177
15			Total Current Assets	17,733,940	21,299,214
16			NONCURRENT ASSETS:		
17		1401	Investments in Affiliated Companies		
18		1402	Investments in Nonaffiliated Companies		
19		1406	Nonregulated Investments	284,455	260,656
20		1407	Unamortized Debt Issuance Expense		
21		1408	Sinking Funds		
22	- 1	1410	Other Noncurrent Assets	1	
23		1438	Deferred Maintenance and Retirements		
24	ŀ	1439	Deferred Charges	214,185	4,651
25	ŀ	1500	Other Jurisdictional Assets - Net	,	1,001
26			Total Noncurrent Assets	498,640	265,307
27			PROPERTY, PLANT, & EQUIPMENT:		
28		2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	153,976,764	148,397,221
29		2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use	, ,	<del></del>
30		2003	Plant Under Construction - Short Term	3,399,361	1,536,445
31	1	2004	Plant Under Construction - Long Term	, , "	-,,
32		2005	Telecommunications Plant Adjustment		
33		2006	Nonoperating Plant	2,582	2,582
34		2007	Goodwill	_,,,,	2,302
35		3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(94,389,399)	(90,300,559)
36		3200	Accumulated Depreciation - Held for Future Use	(- 1,- 27,077)	(> 0,500,557)
37		3300	Accumulated Depreciation - Nonoperating		
38		3400	Accumulated Amortization		
39	7		Net Property, Plant, & Equipment	62,989,308	59,635,689
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40			TOTAL ASSETS	81,221,888	81,200,210

<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of account marked with a \*.

**Total Company Balance Sheet** 

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Line	Acct.		This	Last
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41		CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
42	4010	Accounts Payable	1,932,831	3,983,850
43	4020	Notes Payable		
44	4030	Advance Billing and Payments	703,045	659,437
45	4040	Customer Deposits	53,897	8,886
46	4050	Current Maturities - Long Term Debt		
47	4060	Current Maturities - Capital Leases		
48	4070	Income Taxes - Accrued		
49	4080	Other Taxes - Accrued	2,577,357	2,203,412
50	4100	Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes		
51	4110	Net Current Deferred Nonoperating Income Taxes		
52	4120	Other Accrued Liabilities	629,549	645,502
53	4130	Other Current Liabilities		•
54		Total Current Liabilities	5,896,679	7,501,087
55		LONG-TERM DEBT:		
56	4210	Funded Debt		
57	4220	Premium on Long-Term Debt		
58	4230	Discount on Long-Term Debt		
59	4240	Reacquired Debt	:	
60	4250	Obligations Under Capital leases		
61	4260	Advances From Affiliated Companies		
62	4270	Other Long-Term Debt		
63		Total Long-Term Debt		
64		OTHER LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS:		
65	4310	Other Long-Term Liabilities		
66	4320	Unamort. Oper. Invest. Tax Credits - Net		
67	4330	Unamort. Nonoper. Invest. Tax Credits - Net		
68	4340	Net Noncurrent Deferred Oper. Income Taxes	8,321,540	8,621,372
69	4350	Net Noncurrent Deferred Nonoper. Income Taxes		, ,
70	4360	Other Deferred Credits	10,402,001	5,829,574
71	4370	Other Jurisdictional Liab. and Def. Credits		, ,
72		Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits	18,723,541	14,450,946
73		STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
74	4510	Capital Stock	6,680,000	6,680,000
75	4520	Additional Paid-In Capital	141,016	141,016
76	4530	Treasury Stock	(130,500)	(130,500)
77	4540	Other Capital	` ' '	(== -,,-)
78	4550	Retained Earnings	49,911,152	52,557,661
79		Total Stockholders' Equity	56,601,668	59,248,177
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80		TOTAL LIAB. AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	81,221,888	81,200,210
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		7	<b>Fotal Company Income Statement</b>		Year: 2005
Line		Acct.		This	Last
No.		No.	Description	Year	Year
NO.		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1			REVENUES:		
2		5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	20,451,774	20,396,809
3		5080	Network Access Revenues	21,112,723	17,441,486
4	*	5100	Long Distance Message Revenue	252,407	189,434
5	^	5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue	·	,
6	^	5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue	267,970	302,598
7	٨	5160	Other Long Distance Revenue	(15,563)	(113,164)
8	^	5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements	` ` '	, , ,
9	*	5200	Miscellaneous Revenue	4,721,840	4,298,559
10	^	5230	Directory Revenue	3,823,485	3,451,534
11	^	5240	Rent Revenue	76,925	75,846
12	^	5250	Corporate Operations Revenue	,	,
13	^	5260	Miscellaneous Revenue	68,806	61,529
14	^	5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue	752,624	709,650
15	^	5280	Nonregulated Revenue	,	, 05,050
16		5300	Uncollectible Revenue	979,711	127,621
17			Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)	45,559,033	42,198,667
18			OPERATING EXPENSES:	,,,	12,120,007
19		6110	Network Support Expense	60,659	59,040
20		6120	General Support Expense	1,028,018	1,116,933
21		6210	Central Office Switching Expense	958,914	798,660
22		6220	Operator Systems Expense	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	7,50,000
23		6230	Central Office Transmission Expense	714,001	655,080
24		6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense	1,389	1,096
25	*	6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	4,428,861	4,484,539
26	^	6431	Aerial Wire Expense	., .20,001	1,101,000
27	^	6441	Conduit Systems Expense	:	
28		6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense	9,402	37,084
29		6530	Network Operations Expense	1,985,489	1,949,273
30		6540	Access Expense	1,388,475	852,535
31	l	6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense	9,301,035	7,778,347
32		6610	Marketing	1,337,681	1,341,071
33	ŀ	6620	Services	3,097,036	4,077,494
34	l	6710	Executive and Planning	523,706	634,591
35		6720	General and Administrative	3,205,042	3,479,774
36		6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2,1,2,1,1
37			Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)	28,039,708	27,265,517
38		7100	Other Operating Income and Expense		21,200,017
39		7200	Operating Taxes	8,393,248	7,011,901
40			Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)	9,126,077	7,921,249
41		7300	Nonoperating Income and Expense	586,604	326,212
42		7400	Nonoperating Taxes	,	- 20,212
43		7500	Interest and Related Items	4,396	(6,637)
44		7600	Extraordinary Items	.,220	(0,037)
45		7910	Effects of Juris. Ratemaking Diff Net		
46		7990	Nonregulated Net Income	641,108	526,758
47			NET INCOME (L.40+L.41-L.42-L.43-L.44+L.45-L.46)	10,358,185	8,767,582

<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Interstate Prior Period Adjustments of \$1,411,354 in 2005 and \$262,497 in 2004. Includes Intrastate Prior Period Adjustments of \$170,98 in 2005 and \$54,382 in 2004.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Miscellaneous Prior Period Adjustments of \$13,045 in 2005 and \$11,417 in 2004.

Year: 2005

# **Montana Total State Income Statement**

Line					
	•	Acct.		This	Last
No.		No.	Description	Year	Year
110.		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1			REVENUES:		
2		5000	Basic Local Service Revenues		20,396,809
3		5080	Network Access Revenues		5,331,773
4	*	5100	Long Distance Message Revenue		189,434
5	^	5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue		
6	^	5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue		302,598
7	^	5160	Other Long Distance Revenue		(113,164)
8	^	5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements		, ,
9	*	5200	Miscellaneous Revenue		3,786,499
10	^	5230	Directory Revenue		3,451,534
11	^	5240	Rent Revenue		75,846
12	^	5250	Corporate Operations Revenue		,
13	^	5260	Miscellaneous Revenue		61,529
14	^	5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue	İ	197,590
15	^	5280	Nonregulated Revenue		
16		5300	Uncollectible Revenue		127,621
17			Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)		29,576,894
18			OPERATING EXPENSES:		
19		6110	Network Support Expense	41,828	41,727
20		6120	General Support Expense	708,871	789,401
21		6210	Central Office Switching Expense	572,710	523,701
22		6220	Operator Systems Expense	ŕ	,
23		6230	Central Office Transmission Expense	449,272	437,374
24		6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense	ĺ	,
25	*	6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	3,255,014	3,310,222
26	^	6431	Aerial Wire Expense		• •
27	^	6441	Conduit Systems Expense		
28		6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense	6,483	26,209
29		6530	Network Operations Expense	1,367,026	1,377,665
30		6540	Access Expense	646,473	108,861
31		6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense	6,387,465	5,438,986
32		6610	Marketing	1,019,981	1,022,564
33		6620	Services	2,601,570	3,579,249
34		6710	Executive and Planning	394,528	490,336
35		6720	General and Administrative	2,377,159	2,657,207
36		6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable		, ,
37			Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)	19,828,380	19,803,502
38		7100	Other Operating Income and Expense		
39		7200	Operating Taxes	5,712,111	4,892,555
40			Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)	(25,540,491)	4,880,837

<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

Year: 2005

### **Montana Intrastate Income Statement**

					1 car. 2003
Line		Acct.		This	Last
No.		No.	Description	Year	Year
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1			REVENUES:		
2		5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	20,451,774	20,396,809
3		5080	Network Access Revenues	5,648,998	5,331,773
4	*	5100	Long Distance Message Revenue	252,407	189,434
5	^	5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue		
6	^	5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue	267,970	302,598
7	^	5160	Other Long Distance Revenue	(15,563)	(113,164)
8	^	5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements		, , ,
9	*	5200	Miscellaneous Revenue	4,176,156	3,786,499
10	^	5230	Directory Revenue	3,823,485	3,451,534
11	^	5240	Rent Revenue	76,925	75,846
12	^	5250	Corporate Operations Revenue	ŕ	,
13	^	5260	Miscellaneous Revenue	68,806	61,529
14	^	5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue	206,940	197,590
15	^	5280	Nonregulated Revenue	ĺ	,
16		5300	Uncollectible Revenue	979,711	127,621
17			Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)	29,549,624	29,576,894
18			OPERATING EXPENSES: (1)		
19		6110	Network Support Expense	41,828	41,727
20		6120	General Support Expense	708,871	789,401
21		6210	Central Office Switching Expense	572,710	523,701
22		6220	Operator Systems Expense		,
23		6230	Central Office Transmission Expense	449,272	437,374
24		6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense		,
25	*	6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	3,255,014	3,310,222
26	^	6431	Aerial Wire Expense		, ,
27	^	6441	Conduit Systems Expense		
28		6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense	6,483	26,209
29		6530	Network Operations Expense	1,367,026	1,377,665
30		6540	Access Expense	646,473	108,861
31		6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense	6,387,465	5,438,986
32		6610	Marketing	1,019,981	1,022,564
33		6620	Services	2,601,570	3,579,249
34		6710	Executive and Planning	394,528	490,336
35		6720	General and Administrative	2,377,159	2,657,207
36		6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable	, ,	_,55.,257
37			Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)	19,828,380	19,803,502
38		7100	Other Operating Income and Expense	,,	22,000,002
39		7200	Operating Taxes	5,712,111	4,892,555
40		-	Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)	4,009,133	4,880,837
	<u>_</u>		the account marked with a *	.,002,123	1,000,037

<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

<sup>(1)</sup> Intrastate expenses include a portion of LNP expense. In any future ratemaking process, the LNP expenses will be removed to determine expenses solely on an intrastate basis. LNP investment and expenses are being recovered through a charge to the enduser as approved by the FCC.

	Montana Intrastate Regulated Income Statement Year: 2005				
Line		Acct.		This	Last
No.		No.	Description	Year	Year
140.		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1			REVENUES:		
2		5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	19,636,861	19,413,501
3		5080	Network Access Revenues	4,967,516	4,455,898
4	*	5100	Long Distance Message Revenue	228,123	189,178
5	^	5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue		
6	^	5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue	243,686	302,342
7	^	5160	Other Long Distance Revenue	(15,563)	(113,164)
8	^	5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements	. ,	` ' '
9	*	5200	Miscellaneous Revenue	137,011	134,457
10	^	5230	Directory Revenue	81,235	85,562
11	^	5240	Rent Revenue	·	,
12	^	5250	Corporate Operations Revenue		
13	^	5260	Miscellaneous Revenue	55,776	48,895
14	^	5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue		,
15	^	5280	Nonregulated Revenue		
16		5300	Uncollectible Revenue	269,743	90,459
17			Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)	24,699,768	24,102,575
18			OPERATING EXPENSES:		
19		6110	Network Support Expense	40,904	40,728
20		6120	General Support Expense	693,216	770,498
21		6210	Central Office Switching Expense	561,919	512,575
22		6220	Operator Systems Expense		
23		6230	Central Office Transmission Expense	440,808	428,081
24		6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense		
25	*	6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	3,176, <b>4</b> 74	3,224,652
26	^	6431	Aerial Wire Expense		
27	^	6441	Conduit Systems Expense		
28		6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense	6,340	25,581
29		6530	Network Operations Expense	1,336,836	1,344,673
30		6540	Access Expense	646,473	108,861
31		6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense	6,255,812	5,321,476
32		6610	Marketing	983,845	986,337
33		6620	Services	2,319,900	3,336,436
34		6710	Executive and Planning	381,724	475,917
35	İ	6720	General and Administrative	2,246,895	2,500,940
36		6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable		
37			Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)	19,091,146	19,076,755
38		7100	Other Operating Income and Expense		
39		7200	Operating Taxes	5,565,902	4,760,146
40			Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)	42,720	265,674

<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

		Average Rate Base - Total State	<b>;</b>	Year: 2005
Line	Acct.		This	Last
No.	No.	Description	Year	Year
110.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	151,186,993	143,760,162
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(92,350,115)	(86,991,607)
3	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
4	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - 2002		
5	1220	Materials and Supplies	10,830	7,956
6	4340	Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(8,697,335)	(8,460,041)
7		Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits		` ' '
8		Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission)	767,000	799,736
9		Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8)	50,917,373	49,116,206

**Average Rate Base - Intrastate** 

Line	Acct.		This	Last
No.	No.	Description	Year	Year
140.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	104,251,293	101,603,645
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(64,022,521)	(61,479,256)
3	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
4	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - 2002		
5	1220	Materials and Supplies	7,959	5,873
6	4340	Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(5,997,266)	(5,979,197)
7		Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits		
8		Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission)	552,366	590,323
9		Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8)	34,791,831	34,741,388

Average Rate Base - Regulated Intrastate

Line	Acct.		This	Last
No.	No.	Description	Year	Year
140.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	101,995,662	99,224,590
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(62,767,445)	(60,148,111)
3	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
4	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - 2002		
5	1220	Materials and Supplies	7,705	5,543
6	4340	Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(5,864,067)	(5,847,930)
7		Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits		`` '
8		Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission)	527,480	565,285
9		Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8)	33,899,335	33,799,377

#### Notes to Schedule 8

- (A) Revenues and expenses were allocated using FCC Part 36 separation rules. Allocation factors are based on 2000 traffic measurements per Separations Freeze Order (i.e. allocations for 2005 are based on the 2000 traffic measurement) which are the most current factors available.
- (B) Authorized by Montana Public Commission, Docket 6522, Order Number 4409.

Note: Rate Base Components are calculated using an average of beginning and end of year balances.

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

	Statement of Cash Flows		Year: 2005
Line	Item Description	Amount	Amount
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Increase/(decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		
2	Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
3	Net Income		10,358,185
4	Reconciliation Adjustments:		,,2
5	Depreciation & Amortization	9,301,035	
6	Provision for Accounts Receivable Losses		
7	Deferred Income Taxes - Net	280,867	
8	Unamortized Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) - Net		
9	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC)		
10	Change in Operating Receivables - Net	1,070,301	
11	Change in Materials, Supplies & Inventories - Net	(22,047)	
12	Change in Operating Payables & Accrued Liabilities - Net	(2,051,019)	
13	Change in Other Assets & Deferred Credits - Net	(38,991)	
14	Change in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits - Net	446,611	
15	Other (explained on back of this page)	3,991,728	
16	Total Adjustments		12,978,485
17	Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Operating Activities		23,336,670
18	Cash Inflows/Outflows From Investing Activities:		
19	Construction/Acquisition of Property, Plant & Equipment (net of	(12,654,654)	
20	AFUDC & Capital Lease Related Acquisitions)		
21	Proceeds from Disposals of Property, Plant & Equipment		
22	Investments In & Advances to Affiliates		
23	Proceeds from Repayment of Advances		
24	Other Investing Activities (explained on back of this page)	(233,333)	
25	Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Investing Activities		(12,887,987)
26	Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
27	Net Incr./(Decr.) in Short-Term Debt, Original maturity $\leq 3$ mo.		
28	Advances from Affiliates		
29	Repayment of Advances from Affiliates		
30	Proceeds from Issuances of Long-Term Debt		
31	Repayment of Long-Term Debt		
32	Payment of Capital Lease Obligations		
33	Proceeds from Issuing Common Stock/Parent Co. Equity Investment		
34	Repurchase of Treasury Shares		
35	Dividends Paid	(13,004,694)	ļ
36	Other Financing Activities (explained on back of this page)		
37	Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities		(13,004,694)
38	Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash		
39	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		(2,556,011)
40	Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period		14,946,253
41	Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Period		12,390,242

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	R	eecivables	and Investn	nents-Affilia	ited & Nona	Reecivables and Investments-Affiliated & Nonaffiliated Companies	npanies			Ye	Year: 2005
		Account 1160	Account 1180	Account 1181	Account 1190	Account 1191	Account 1200	Account 1201	Account 1210	Account 1401	Account 1402
			Telecom.	Accts. Rec.	Other	Accounts		Notes	Interest and	Investments	Investments
Line		Temporary	Accounts	Telecom.	Accounts	Receivable	Notes	Receivable	Dividends	in Affil.	in Nonaffil.
No.	Affiliate or Company	Investments	Receivable	Allowance	Receivable	Allow Other	Receivable	Allowance	Receivable	Companies	Companies
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7	KBUC.				135,487						
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	Aggregate of all balances		3.501.241	(451 025)	340 440						
30	Totals		2,501,041	(451,005)	210001						
25	TOTALS		2,301,241	(451,025)	2,190,947						

Net Plant in Service - DetailBeginningof YearSales & Balance(b)(c)(d)(e)	Net Plant in Service - Detail         Beginning of Year       Additions       Retirements Transfers         (b)       (c)       (d)       (e)	Net Plant in Service - Detail  Sales & Sales & (d) (e) (f) (f)	Sales & Transfers (f)	Sales & Transfers (f)		End Accor Ba	End of Year Account 2001 Balance (g)	Year End Accumulated Depreciation (h)	Year:2005 End of Year Net Plant Balance (i)
Description Balance Additions Ret (b) (c) (d) (1 and Support Accept	Description Balance Additions Ret (b) (c) (d) (1 and Support Accept	Additions Ret (d)	Ret	Retirements (e)	- 1	Transfers (f)	Balance (g)	Depre (I	ciation h)
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Motor Vehicles 1,	Motor Vehicles 1,492,430 61,960	61,960		65,248			1,489,142	1,218,253	
2113 Aircraft									
Other Work Equipment 823,098	Other Work Equipment 823,098 43,933	43,933		307,924			559,107	459,662	99,445
60,255	Buildings 3,621,618 60,255	60,255		47,156			3,634,717	2,170,646	1,464,071
Cuminiment	Cuminum  Compare Faminment 284 030 4 042	4 0.42		189,607			26,963	14,496	12,467
General Purpose Computers 1,406,292 14	General Purpose Computers 1,406.292 147.149	147.149		658,990		3 778	808,1319	353 027	0,986 515 202
Analog Electronic Switching	Analog Electronic Switching						<b>11.</b>	70,000	707 <b>,</b> CFC
	Digital Electronic Switching 27,028,033 1,914,651	1,914,651		925,215		60,125	28,077,594	26,762,450	1,315,144
2213 Electro-Mechanical Switching									
Radio Systems	Potator Systems Radio Systems	35,926					35,926	(4.517)	40.443
2232 Circuit Equipment 33,144,883 3,811,963 2,121,602 2310 Information Orig & Term Fourin	Circuit Equipment 33,144,883 3,811,963 Information Orig & Term Fauin	3,811,963		2,121,6	02	(55,700)	34,779,544	21,069,968	13,709,576
2311 Station Apparatus	Station Apparatus								
	Customer Premises Wiring								
	Large Private Branch Exchanges								
2351 Public Telephone Term. Equip.									
Poles 1.404.774 9.550	Poles 1.404.774 9.550	9.550	.,.	17	17 610	(756)	1 305 058	1 205 059	
Cable and Wire Facilities 76,538,339 4,353,738 7	Cable and Wire Facilities 76,538,339 4,353,738	4,353,738		732,	223	2.732	80.162.586	39,839,059	40 323 527
Aerial Cable 10,635,084 184,848	Aerial Cable 10,635,084 184,848	184,848		118,	906	(10,309)	10,690,717	10.431.213	259.504
Underground Cable 1,572,557 128,316	Underground Cable 1,572,557 128,316	128,316		14,5	952	22,203	1,708,124	701,846	1.006.278
Buried Cable 64,291,665 4,040,574	Buried Cable 64,291,665 4,040,574	4,040,574	41	598,3	43	(9,162)	67,724,734	28,669,550	39,055,184
Submarine Cable 5,831	Submarine Cable 5,831			•			5,831	3.270	2,500,50
Deep Sea Cable	Deep Sea Cable				****		1	0.11,0	2,00
	Intrabuilding Network Cable 33,202			2	7	-	33.180	33.180	
		404,456					404,456	404 456	
Systems	1,522,637		297,501			(099'9)	1,813,478	482,608	1.330.870
Totals 148,39	148,391,740 10,704,743	10,704,743		5,123,238	-	3,519	153,976,764	94.389.399	59.587.365
5,481	5,481			5,481	$\vdash$			,	2026/2026
1 otals w/ Leasehold Improvements 148,397,221 10,704,743 5,128,719	148,397,221 10,704,743	10,704,743		5,128,719	$\dashv$	3,519	153,976,764	94,389,399	59,587,365

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Company Name:

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Year:2005	Book Cost of	Property	at End of Year (g)		
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	Retirements	During	the Year (e)		
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e Use		Additions During	the Year (d)		
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Analysis of Plant Held for Future Use	t of	at	Year		
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Ā	Date	Included in	Account 2002 (b)		
			Property		
			tion of		(Sum L.1 to L.29)
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			Location and Description of Property (a)		
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Company Name: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

Year:2005	Total Cost	% E)	
Yea	Amortization of Premium		
	Annual	Net Cost (j)	
	Yield to	Maturity (i)	
ŧ	Outstanding Per Balance	Sheet (h)	
erm Deb	Net	Per \$100 (g)	
Average Cost of Long Term Debt	Net	Proceeds (f)	
erage Cost	Gross	Proceeds (e)	
Av	Principal	Amount (d)	
	Maturity	Date (c)	
	Issue	Date (b)	
		Description (a)	Fotal
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Company Name: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

					Cost of	Cost of Preferred Stock	1 Stock				,	Year:2005
			Method	Call		Gross	Net	Net				
Line		Date of	of	Redemption	Par Value	Proceeds	Proceeds	Proceeds	Cost of	Principal	Annual	Embedded
No.	Description (a)	Issuance (b)	Offering (c)	Price (d)	Of Issue (e)	Amounts (f)	Amounts (g)	Per \$100 (h)	Money (i)	Outstanding (f)	Cost (k)	Cost
- (		12/50	Private	None	\$100	(A)	(A)	(A)	(F)	50,000	1,125	0
7 6	authorized & outstanding, 500											
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. 3												
9	Serial Preferred 10% cumulative	12/71	Private	None	\$100	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	180 000	0009	C
7					) )		7	(T)	(xy)	190,000	0,000	>
<u>~</u>	\$100 par value; 1,800 shares											
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(A) No Preferred Stock transactions took place in the reporting year.

Company Name: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

				Analys	Analysis of Common Stock	1 Stock		Year:2005
		Avg. Number	Book				Market	Price/
I ine		of Shares	Value	Earnings	Dividends	Retention	Price	Earnings
S S S		Outstanding	(per share)	(per share)	(per share)	Ratio	Į.	Ratio
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	Month by Month Data:							
- 6			625.30					
10	February		623.74					
11			622.29	19.85				
12			625.17					
13	May		625.71					
14			628.97	28.40				
15	July		625.50					
16			625.32					
17	September		634.99	34.40				
18	October		626.47					
19	November		626.35					
20	December		488.39	25.24				
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	(A) Not Appilicable, Common Stock not publicly traded.	tock not publicly t	raded.					

Company Name: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

Year:2005	Retirement or Reaquisition (g)		
g the Year	Gain or (Loss) (f)		
Stock and Funded Debt Reacquired or Retired During the Year	Reaquisition or Retirement Cost (e)		
Debt Reacquired	Principal Amount (d)		
ock and Funded	Number of Shares (c)		
al	Call or Retirement Date (b)		
	Description of Security (a)	Totals (Sum I 1 to I 10)	- 1
	Line No.	1	20

Company Name: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

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Description			Total	(h)	60,659		60,659	`			1.028.018	391.938			636.080	958.914	384	942.766	15.764		714.001	2,273	711,728	1,389				1,389	4,428,861	193,236	617.259	8.997	3.606.994				967	2.079	1,0,0
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Description  (b)  Network Support Expense  Motor Vehicle Expense  Aircraft Expense  Special Purpose Vehicles Expense Garage Work Equipment Expense General Support Expense Central Office Equipment Expense Office Equipment Expense Office Equipment Expense General Purpose Computers Expense Office Equipment Expense Central Office Switching Expense Central Office Switching Expense Digital Electronic Expense Digital Electronic Expense Electro-Mechanical Expense Digital Electronic Expense Electro-Mechanical Expense Central Office Transmission Expense Electro-Mechanical Expense Central Office Transmission Expense Systems Expense Circuit Equipment Expense Large Private Branch Exchange Expense Large Private Branch Exchange Expense Public Telephone Terminal Equipment Exp. Other Terminal Equipment Expense Poles Expense Poles Expense Aerial Cable Expense Underground Cable Expense Buried Cable Expense			Rents	(e)	198		198				148.791	70,976			77,815	2,963	48	2,915											255,649	191,245			64,404	`					100
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			T	Total Company Expense Matrix	Expense Matr	ix			Year:2005
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36		6510	Other Property Expenses	21,330	8,046	4,006	(23,980)		9,402
37	*	6530	Network Operations Expense	1,025,454	380,612	1,807	577,616		1,985,489
38	<	6531	Power Expense			,	243,774		243,774
39	<	6532	Network Administration Expense	128,914	37,189	151	73,862		240,116
40	<	6533	Testing Expense	298,222	121,865	934	89,848		510,869
41	<	6534	Plant Operations Expense	481,680	171,319	433	85,378		738,810
42	<	6535	Engineering Expense	116,638	50,239	289	84,754		251.920
43		6540	Access Expense				1,388,475		1,388,475
44		6561	Depreciation - Telecomm. Plant in Service				9,301,035		9,301,035
45		6562	Depreciation-Prop. for Future Telecom. Use						
46		6563	Amortization Expense - Tangible						
47		6564	Amortization Expense - Intangible		**		•		
48		9299	Amortization - Other						
49	*	6610	Marketing	506,888	197,357	1,287	632,149		1.337.681
20	<	6611	Product Management	137,554	54,095	211	85,224		277,084
51	<	6612	Sales	369,334	143,262	1,076	312,314		825,986
52	<	6613	Product Advertising			,	234,611		234,611
53		6621	Call Completion Services				10,685		10,685
54		6622	Number Services				206,697		206,697
55		6623	Customer Services	1,125,498	525,806	11,415	1,216,935	•	2.879,654
99		6711	Executive	160,044	189,052	57	174,553		523,706
57		6712	Planning				`		
58		6721	Accounting and Finance	223,862	116,065	1,080	328,339		669.346
59		6722	External Relations	98,312	36,615	2,059	86,070		223,056
09		6723	Human Relations	129,987	59,023	5,858	89,001		283,869
61		6724	Information Management	330,524	138,789	8,282	1,073,673		1.551.268
62		6725	Legal	43,406	23,370	4,458	125,605		196.839
63		6726	Procurement	8,168	3,977	6	3,264		15.418
64		6727	Research and Development						
65		6728	Other General and Administrative	6,325	22,537	3	236,381		265,246
99		06/9	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable				`		2
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## **Pension Costs**

1	Plan Name			
2	Defined Benefit Plan?X	Defined Contribution	on Plan?	<b></b>
3	Actuarial Cost Method?	IRS Code:		-
4	Annual Contribution by Employer:	Is the Plan Over Fu	ınded?	-
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	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
6	Change in Benefit Obligation	See Note (A) Belov		Tre change
7	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
8	Service cost	İ		
9	Interest Cost			
10	Plan participants' contributions			
	Amendments			
12	Actuarial Gain			
13	Acquisition			
	Benefits paid			
	Benefit obligation at end of year			-
	Change in Plan Assets			
	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
	Actual return on plan assets			1
	Acquisition			
	Employer contribution			
	Plan participants' contributions			
	Benefits paid			1
	Fair value of plan assets at end of year			-
	Funded Status			
	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
	Unrecognized prior service cost			
	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			-{
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	Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End			1
	Discount rate			
	Expected return on plan assets		ļ	1
	Rate of compensation increase			l
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	Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs		<u> </u>	
	Service cost			
	Interest cost			
	Expected return on plan assets			
	Amortization of prior service cost			
	Recognized net actuarial loss			
				1
	Net periodic benefit cost			
41				
	Montana Intrastate Costs:			
43	Pension Costs	588,032	641,217	9.04%
44	Pension Costs Capitalized	(23,521)	(19,493)	17.13%
45	Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End			
	Number of Company Employees:		-	
47	Covered by the Plan	150	149	-0.67%
48	Not Covered by the Plan			
49	Active	150	149	-0.67%
50	Retired	86	82	-4.65%
51	Deferred Vested Terminated			

<sup>(</sup>A) This information is not available on an individual basis. Information regarding the pension plan is summarized in the attached copy of Footnote 9 of CenturyTel, Inc.'s 2005 Proxy Statement.

#### (9) POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS

We sponsor health care plans (which use a December 31 measurement date) that provide postretirement benefits to all qualified retired employees.

In May 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Financial Statement Position FAS 106-2, which provides accounting guidance to sponsors of postretirement health care plans that are impacted by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (the "Act"). We believe that certain drug benefits offered under our postretirement health care plans will qualify for subsidy under Medicare Part D. In the third quarter of 2004, we estimated that the effect of the Act on us would not be material. We first reflected the effects of the Act as of the December 31, 2004 measurement date. As of this date, we estimated that the reduction in our accumulated benefit obligation attributable to prior service cost was approximately \$7 million and reflected such amount as an actuarial gain.

In 2005, in connection with negotiating certain union contracts, we amended certain retiree contribution and retirement eligibility provisions of our plan. In 2003, we announced changes, effective January 1, 2004, that (i) decreased our subsidization of benefits provided under our postretirement benefit plan for existing participants and (ii) eliminated our subsidization of benefits for employees hired after January 1, 2003.

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for the benefit obligation and the plan assets.

December 31,		2005	2004	2003
		(Do	llars in thousa	ınds)
Change in benefit obligation				
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$	305,720	311,421	253,762
Service cost		6,289	6,404	6,176
Interest cost		16,718	17,585	18,216
Participant contributions		1,637	1,362	1,199
Plan amendments		23,289	2,529	(34,597)
Actuarial (gain) loss		16,391	(18,185)	79,163
Benefits paid		(16,102)	(15,396)	(12,498)
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$_	353,942	305,720	<u>311,421</u>
Change in plan assets				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$	29,570	29,877	28,697
Return on assets		1,440	2,377	4,479
Employer contributions		13,000	11,350	8,000
Participant contributions		1,637	1,362	1,199
Benefits paid		(16,102)	(15,396)	(12,498)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$	29,545	29,570	29,877

Net periodic postretirement benefit cost for 2005, 2004 and 2003 included the following components:

Year ended December 31,	 2005	2004	2003
	(Dol	lars in thousa	nds)
Service cost	\$ 6,289	6,404	6,176
Interest cost	16,718	17,585	18,216
Expected return on plan assets	(2,440)	(2,465)	(2,367)
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial loss	2,916	3,611	1,731
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	 (1,876)	(3,648)	(2,447)
Net periodic postretirement benefit cost	\$ 21,607	21,487	21,309

The following table sets forth the amounts recognized as liabilities for postretirement benefits at December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

December 31,	2005	2004	2003
	(Do	llars in thous	ands)
Benefit obligation	\$ (353,942)	(305,720)	(311,421)
Fair value of plan assets	29,545	29,570	29,877
Unamortized prior service cost	(1,726)	(26,891)	(33,068)
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	82,660	68,185	89,893
Accrued benefit cost	\$ (243,463)	(234,856)	(224,719)

Assumptions used in accounting for postretirement benefits as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 were:

	2005	2004
Determination of benefit obligation		
Discount rate	5.5%	5.75
Healthcare cost increase trend rates (Medical/Prescription Drug)		
Following year	9.0%/14.0%	10.0/15.0
Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to decline (the		
ultimate cost trend rate)	5.0%/5.0%	5.0/5.0
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate cost trend rate	2010/2015	2010/2015
Determination of benefit cost		
Discount rate	5.75%	6.0
Expected return on plan assets	8.25%	8.25

We employ a total return investment approach whereby a mix of equities and fixed income investments are used to maximize the long-term return of plan assets for a prudent level of risk. The intent of this strategy is to minimize plan expenses by outperforming plan liabilities over the long term. Risk tolerance is established through careful consideration of plan liabilities, plan funded status and corporate financial condition. We measure and monitor investment risk on an ongoing basis through annual liability measurements, periodic asset studies and periodic portfolio reviews.

Our postretirement benefit plan weighted-average asset allocations at December 31, 2005 and 2004 by asset category are as follows:

	2005	2004
Equity securities	60.2%	63.0
Debt securities	31.4	34.1
Other	8.4	2.9
Total	100.0%	100.0

In determining the expected return on plan assets, we study historical markets and apply the widely-accepted capital market principle that assets with higher volatility and risk generate a greater return over the long term. We evaluate current market factors such as inflation and interest rates before determining long-term capital market assumptions. We also review peer data and historical returns to check for reasonableness.

Assumed health care cost trends have a significant effect on the amounts reported for postretirement benefit plans. A one-percentage-point change in assumed health care cost rates would have the following effects:

	1-Percentage	1-Percentage
	Point Increase	Point Decrease
	(Dollars	in thousands)
Effect on annual total of service and interest cost components	\$ 1,498	(1,428)
Effect on postretirement benefit obligation	\$ 23,159	(21,736)

We expect to contribute approximately \$18 million to our postretirement benefit plan in 2006.

Our estimated future projected benefit payments under our postretirement benefit plan are as follows:

	В	Sefore Medicare	Medicare	Net of
Year		Subsidy	Subsidy	Medicare Subsidy
		(D	ollars in thousan	ids)
2006	\$	18,500	(800)	17,700
2007	\$	20,700	(900)	19,800
2008	\$	22,900	(1,000)	21,900
2009	\$	24,400	(1,100)	23,300
2010	\$	26,000	(1,100)	24,900
2011-2015	\$	140,600	(6,100)	134,500

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Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS)

	Other Post Employment Be	nefits (OPEBS)	Ye	ar: 2005
	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
1	Regulatory Treatment:			, ,
2	Commission authorized - most recent			
3	Docket number:			
4	Order number:			
	Amount recovered through rates			
	Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End	See Note (A) Below		
	Discount rate			i
	Expected return on plan assets			
	Medical Cost Inflation Rate			
	Actuarial Cost Method			
12	Rate of compensation increase  List each method used to fund OPEBs (ie: VEBA, 401(h	\\		
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	401 (h) - Tax Advantaged	OTHER TRUSTS - N	vot Tax Advantage	a j
	Describe any Changes to the Benefit Plan:			
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	Change in Benefit Obligation			
	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
	Service cost			
21	Interest Cost			
22	Plan participants' contributions			[
23	Amendments			
	Actuarial Gain			
	Acquisition			
	Benefits paid			]
	Benefit obligation at end of year			
	Change in Plan Assets			
	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
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	Employer contribution			
	Plan participants' contributions			
	Benefits paid			
	Fair value of plan assets at end of year			
	Funded Status			
	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
	Unrecognized prior service cost			
39	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			•
40	Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs			
41	Service cost			
1	Interest cost			
	Expected return on plan assets			
	Amortization of prior service cost			1
45	Recognized net actuarial loss			
	Net periodic benefit cost	588,032	641,217	9.04%
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Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS) Continued Year: 2005 Item Current Year Last Year % Change 1 Number of Company Employees: 2 Covered by the Plan 150 149 -0.67% 3 Not Covered by the Plan 4 Active 150 149 -0.67% 5 Retired 83 82 -1.20% 6 Spouses/Dependants covered by the Plan 12 13 8.33% Montana 8 Change in Benefit Obligation 9 Benefit obligation at beginning of year 10 Service cost 11 Interest Cost 12 Plan participants' contributions 13 Amendments 14 Actuarial Gain 15 Acquisition 16 Benefits paid 17 Benefit obligation at end of year 18 Change in Plan Assets 19 Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year 20 Actual return on plan assets 21 Acquisition 22 Employer contribution 23 Plan participants' contributions 24 Benefits paid 25 Fair value of plan assets at end of year 26 Funded Status 27 Unrecognized net actuarial loss 28 Unrecognized prior service cost 29 Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost 30 Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cccosts 31 Service cost 32 Interest cost 33 Expected return on plan assets 34 Amortization of prior service cost 35 Recognized net actuarial loss 36 Net periodic benefit cost 37 Accumulated Post Retirement Benefit Obligation 38 Amount Funded through VEBA 39 Amount Funded through 401(h) 40 Amount Funded through other 41 TOTAL 42 Amount that was tax deductible - VEBA 43 Amount that was tax deductible - 401(h) 44 Amount that was tax deductible - Other 45 **TOTAL** 46 Montana Intrastate Costs: 47 Pension Costs 48 Pension Costs Capitalized 49 Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End 50 Number of Montana Employees: 51 Covered by the Plan 52 Not Covered by the Plan 53 Active 54 Retired 55 Spouses/Dependants covered by the Plan

#### (10) DEFINED BENEFIT AND OTHER RETIREMENT PLANS

We sponsor defined benefit pension plans for substantially all employees. We also sponsor a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan to provide certain officers with supplemental retirement, death and disability benefits. We use a December 31 measurement date for our plans.

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for the aggregate benefit obligation and the plan assets for our above-referenced defined benefit plans.

December 31,	 2005	2004	2003
	(Do	llars in thousa	ınds)
Change in benefit obligation			ŕ
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 418,630	390,833	346,256
Service cost	15,332	14,175	12,840
Interest cost	23,992	23,156	23,617
Plan amendments	31	428	· <u>-</u>
Settlements	-	-	(9,962)
Actuarial loss	28,016	16,304	46,221
Benefits paid	 (25,402)	(26,266)	(28,139)
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 460,599	418,630	390,833
Change in plan assets			
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 363,981	348,308	266,420
Return on plan assets	25,453	35,892	52,783
Employer contributions	43,335	6,047	50,437
Acquisitions	_	-	6,807
Benefits paid	 (25,402)	(26,266)	(28,139)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ 407,367	363,981	348,308

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, our underfunded pension plans (meaning those with projected benefit obligations in excess of plan assets) had aggregate benefit obligations of \$437.8 million and \$172.0 million, respectively, and aggregate plan assets of \$382.2 million and \$109.0 million, respectively.

Net periodic pension expense for 2005, 2004 and 2003 included the following components:

Year ended December 31,	 2005	2004	2003
	(Do	llars in thousa	inds)
Service cost	\$ 15,332	14,175	12,840
Interest cost	23,992	23,156	23,617
Expected return on plan assets	(29,225)	(28,195)	(22,065)
Settlements	-	1,093	2,233
Recognized net losses	6,328	5,525	7,214
Net amortization and deferral	 289	279	397
Net periodic pension expense	\$ 16,716	16,033	24,236

The following table sets forth the combined plans' funded status and amounts recognized in our consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

December 31,	2005	2004	2003
	(Do	llars in thous	ands)
Benefit obligation	\$ (460,599)	(418,630)	(390,833)
Fair value of plan assets	407,367	363,981	348,308
Unrecognized transition asset	(396)	(648)	(900)
Unamortized prior service cost	3,109	3,618	3,721
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	 123,879	98,479	98,759
Prepaid pension cost	\$ 73,360	46,800	59,055

Our accumulated benefit obligation as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 was \$392.3 million and \$353.1 million, respectively.

Amounts recognized on the balance sheet consist of:

December 31,	 2005	2004	2003
	(Do	llars in thousa	nds)
Prepaid pension cost (reflected in Other Assets) Additional minimum pension liability (reflected in Deferred	\$ 73,360	46,800	59,055
Credits and Other Liabilities)	(11,662)	(18,450)	-
Intangible asset (reflected in Other Assets)		3,043	_
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	 11,662	15,407	
	\$ 73,360	46,800	59,055

Assumptions used in accounting for the pension plans as of December 2005 and 2004 were:

	2005	2004
Determination of benefit obligation		
Discount rate	5.5%	5.75
Weighted average rate of compensation increase	4.0%	4.0
Determination of benefit cost		
Discount rate	5.75%	6.0
Weighted average rate of compensation increase	4.0%	4.0
Expected long-term rate of return on assets	8.25%	8.25

We employ a total return investment approach whereby a mix of equities and fixed income investments are used to maximize the long-term return of plan assets for a prudent level of risk. The intent of this strategy is to minimize plan expenses by outperforming plan liabilities over the long term. Risk tolerance is established through careful consideration of plan liabilities, plan funded status and corporate financial condition. We measure and monitor investment risk on an ongoing basis through annual liability measurements, periodic asset studies and periodic portfolio reviews.

Our pension plans weighted-average asset allocations at December 31, 2005 and 2004 by asset category are as follows:

	2005	2004
Equity securities	69.5%	71.7
Debt securities	28.0	25.5
Other	2.5	2.8
Total	100.0%	100.0

In determining the expected return on plan assets, we study historical markets and apply the widely-accepted capital market principle that assets with higher volatility and risk generate a greater return over the long term. We evaluate current market factors such as inflation and interest rates before determining long-term capital market assumptions. We also review peer data and historical returns to check for reasonableness.

The amount of the 2006 contribution will be determined based on a number of factors, including the results of the 2006 actuarial valuation report. At this time, the amount of the 2006 contribution is not known.

Our estimated future projected benefit payments under our defined benefit pension plans are as follows: 2006 - \$22.8 million; 2007 - \$24.1 million; 2008 - \$26.9 million; 2009 - \$29.0 million; 2010 - \$31.2 million; and 2011-2015 - \$190.8 million.

We also sponsor an Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") which covers most employees with one year of service and is funded by our contributions determined annually by the Board of Directors. Our expense related to the ESOP during 2005, 2004 and 2003 was \$7.3 million, \$8.1 million, and \$8.9 million, respectively. At December 31, 2005, the ESOP owned an aggregate of 6.0 million shares of CenturyTel common stock.

We also sponsor qualified profit sharing plans pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "401(k) Plans") which are available to substantially all employees. Our matching contributions to the 401(k) Plans were \$9.5 million in 2005, \$9.1 million in 2004 and \$8.2 million in 2003.

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# Payments for Services to Persons Other Than Employees

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Subscriber Line Usage Data

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1	Toll Usage:				
2	Interstate, InterLATA	236,003,593	81.08%	247,365,226	81.27%
3	Interstate, IntraLATA	16,356	0.01%	14,379	0.00%
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4	Total Interstate Usage	236,019,949	81.09%	247,379,605	81.28%
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5	Intrastate, InterLATA	17,014,986	5.85%	17,155,593	5.64%
6	Intrastate, IntraLATA	38,025,575	13.06%	39,826,394	13.09%
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7	Total Intrastate Usage	55,040,561	18.91%	56,981,987	18.72%
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8	Total Toll Usage	291,060,510	100.00%	304,361,592	100.00%
9	Centrex				
10	Local				
11	Total Minutes	291,060,510	100.00%	304,361,592	100.00%
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Line	Wire Center  (a)  Bigfoot Columbia Falls Elmo Firley Point Hungry Horse Kalispell Lakeside Marion  McGregor lake	Type of I					Damidential	Cimalo	11. 2.5	7	Company		J~ /U	Total
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Biggor   (a)   (b)   (c)   (d)   (e)   (f)   (g)   (h)   (f)   (	Bigfoot Columbia Falls Elmo Finley Point Hungry Horse Kalispell Lakeside Marion	€			•		Customers	Business	Business	Coin	Coin	Other	T. Tone	Lines
Biglion         3,468         1,290         535         91         5           Columbia Falls         Digital         3,993         1,210         1,46         312         1         1           Chumbia Falls         Digital         3,993         1,210         1,46         43         1         1           Finley Point         Digital         310         108         82         25         2         1         1           Hungey Horse         Digital         1,244         419         116         123         4,10         1           Lakeside         Digital         1,244         419         116         133         37         2           Acrion         Digital         1,244         419         116         133         37         2           Morrison         Digital         1,234         419         116         133         37         2           Poison         Digital         201         22         2         1         1           Poison         Digital         202         1,999         77         18         1           Whitefish         Digital         3566         1,06         209         209         <	Bigfoot Columbia Falls Elmo Finley Point Hungry Horse Kalispell Lakeside Marion	(2)	(c)	(p)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(1)	(m)	(n)
Columbia Falls   Digital   3993   1,310   1,446   552   100   13	Columbia Falls Elmo Finley Point Hungry Horse Kalispell Lakeside Marion	igital	3,468		1,290	535		515	65		5	429		5,829
Elmo   Digital   790   226   208   43   14   1   1     Finley Point   Digital   941   285   623   120   22   7     Kalispell   Digital   18,417   6,507   8,337   4,065   841   54     Lakeside   Digital   1,244   419   116   133   37   2     Lakeside   Digital   1,244   419   116   133   37   2     Lakeside   Digital   1,244   419   122   12   13   11     Olmey   Digital   3,568   1,086   1,999   720   99   99     Polson   Digital   2,294   4,31   16   16   1     Finley Bay   Digital   3,30   1,495   1,058   2,57   18     Finley Bay   Digital   3,30   1,495   1,658   2,57   18     Finley Bay   Digital   3,30   1,495   1,658   2,57   18     Finley Bay   Digital   3,30   1,495   1,658   2,57     Finley Bay   Digital   3,30   1,495   1,658   2,57     Finley Bay   Digital   3,30   1,495   1,495   1,658   1,658     Finley Bay   Digital   3,30   1,495   1,495   1,658   1,658     Finley Bay   Digital   3,30   1,495   1,495   1,658   1,658     Finley Bay   Digital   3,40   1,495   1,495   1,495   1,495     Finley Bay   Digital   3,40   1,495   1,495     Finley Bay   1,495   1,495   1,495     Finley Bay   1,495   1,495   1,495     Finley Bay   1,495     Finl	Elmo Finley Point Hungry Horse Kalispell Lakeside Marion	igital	3,993		1,310	1,446		572	001		13	1,064		7,052
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Lakeside         Digital         1,244         419         116         133         37         2           Marion         Digital         330         122         35         3         3         2           Marion         Digital         136         1,29         2         1         1         1           Ohey         Digital         3,568         1,086         1,999         77         18         9           Somers         Digital         791         284         101         77         18         1           Somers         Digital         506         2,097         1,495         1,658         257         18           Whitelish         Digital         330         1,08         1,5         11         1           Tellow Bay         Digital         330         1,09         1,495         1,058         257         18           Tellow Bay         Digital         330         10         1         1         1	Lakeside Marion McGregor lake	igital	18,417		6,507	8,337		4,065	841		54	7,586	<del></del>	37,470
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**Central Office and Switch Information** 

Page 1 of Year: 2005

	Сеп	tral Office and Sw	iten imioi	mation		Y ea	r: 2005
		Office					
		Configuration		Switch		Switch	
Line		(Host, Remote,	Type of	Vendor/	Switch	Line	Year
No.	Wire Center	Stand alone)	Switch	Manufacturer	Model No.	Capacity	Deployed
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	Bigfoot	Remote	Digital	Nortel	Dual RSC	11,160	1985
2	Columbia Falls	Remote	Digital	Nortel	Dual RSC	12,748	1988
3	Elmo	Remote	Digital	Nortel	RLCM	1,856	1990
4	Finley Point	Remote	Digital	Nortel	RLCM	1,216	1990
5	Hungry Horse	Remote	Digital	Nortel	RSC	2,560	1989
6	Kalispell	Host	Digital	Nortel	DMS100	57,376	1981
7	Lakeside	Remote	Digital	Nortel	RSC	4,416	1990
8	Marion	Remote	Digital	Alcatel	LS2000 RDT	600	1999
9	McGregor Lake	Remote	Digital	Nortel	RLCM	640	1995
10	Olney	Remote	Digital	Alcatel	LS2000	732	1999
11	Polson	Remote	Digital	Nortel	Dual RSCS	10,392	1993
12	Somers	Remote	Digital	Nortel	RSC	2,655	1995
13	Swan Lake	Remote	Digital	Alcatel	LS2000 RD7	800	1999
14	Whitefish	Remote	Digital	Nortel	Dual RSCS	21,780	1994
15	Yellow Bay	Remote	Digital	Nortel	RLCM	640	1989
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NOTE: Additional blank schedules are being provided for your convenience.

	Construction Budget - Montana	Year: 2006
Line	Description	2006
No.	(a)	(b)
1	Central Office Assets:	
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	MTKLSLADD ADSL ADDITIONAL CAPACITY - E.113024	621,668
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26 27	Total Switching and Central Office Projects over \$500,000	621,668
28	Miscellaneous Central Office Projects not over \$500,000	779,013
29	Total Central Office Budget (Total of Line 27 & Line 28)	1,400,681
30	Other Projects over \$500,000:	
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40	Total Other Projects over \$500,000	
41 42	Total Other Projects over \$500,000 Miscellaneous projects not over \$500,000	1 065 071
43	Total Construction Budget (Total of Lines 29, 41 & 42)	4,965,971 6,366,652
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Company Name: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

SCHEDULE 25-a

	Montana	Total State Construction Expend	itures	Year	: 2005
	FCC Part 32				
Line	Account No.	Description	This Year	Last Year	Percent
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	Change (e)
1	2110	General Support Assets	257,085	223,091	15.24%
2	2210	Central Office Assets	4,321,496	1,116,798	286.95%
3	2220	Operator Systems	0	0	
4	2230	Central Office Transmission	3,290,898	5,269,063	-37.54%
5	2310	Information/Termination Assets			
6	2410	Cable and Wire Facilities Assets	4,078,361	3,800,173	7.32%
7	2680	Amortizable Tangible Assets			
8	2690	Intangibles			
9		Total Construction Expenditures	11,947,840	10,409,125	14.78%

	Montana Employee Counts		Year: 2005
Line		Beginning	End
No.	Category	of Year	of Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Vice President and Managers	4	4
2	Supervisors & Superintendants Comm. Technicians	8	9
	Plant Technicians	11	11
	Cable Technicians	20	20
	Engineers/Drafting	5 11	5 11
	Facility & Test Board Technicians	6	6
	Special Apparatus Technicians	9	10
	Commercial & General	39	49
	Secretaries	5	5
	Communication Consultants	1	0
	LAN Administrator	1	1
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43	Totals (Sum of Lines 1 through 42)	129	137

	Compensat	ion of Top	10 Mon	tana Based	Employees	s Y	ear: 2005
						Total	% Increase
Line		Base		Other	Total	Compensation	Total
No.	Name/Title	Salary	Bonuses	Compensation		Last Year	Compensation
1	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
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**Compensation of Top 5 Corporate Employees - SEC Information** 

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						Total	% Increase
		Base		Other	Total	Compensation	Total
Line	Name/Title	Salary	Bonuses				
No.				Compensation	Compensation	Last Year	Compensation
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
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	Note: CenturyTel of Montan	a, Inc. does not	submit SEC:	information.			
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## **Montana Composite Statistics**

		Montana Composite Statistics	Year: 2	2005
Line	Account			
No.	No.	Description	Amount	
INU.		(a)	(b)	
1		Plant (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted)		
2	2001	Plant in Service	1	104,251
3	2003 - 2004	Construction Work in Progress		1,705
4	2005	Plant Acquisition Adjustments		
5	2002	Plant Held for Future Use		
6	1220	Materials & Supplies		6
7		(Less):		
8	3100 - 3400	Depreciation & Amortization Reserves		(64,023)
9	4360.2	Contributions in Aid of Construction		
10		NET BOOK COSTS		41,939
11		Revenues & Expenses (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted)		
12	5000 - 5300	Operating Revenues		29,550
13	6560	Depreciation & Amortization Expenses		6,387
14	3500	Federal & State Income Taxes		4,273
15		Other Taxes		1,439
16		Other Operating Expenses		13,442
17		TOTAL Operating Expenses	1	25,541
18		Net Operating Income		4,009
19		Other Income		
20		Other Deductions		
21		NET INCOME		4,009
22		Access Lines in Service (Intrastate Only)		
23		Residential Access Lines		40,881
24		Business Access Lines		7,419
25		PBX Access Lines		3,057
26		Other Access Lines		24,740
27		Total Number of Access Lines		76,097
28		Average Number of Calls Per Access Line		
29		Local Calls (Intrastate)	55,0	40,561
30		Toll Calls (Intra- or Interstate)		60,510
31		Total Number of Calls Per Access Line	I .	21,653
		(Line 30 divided by Line 27)		
32		Other Statistics (Intrastate Only)		
33		Average Residential Monthly Bill		N/A
34		Gross Plant Investment per Access Line		1.370
		(Line 2 divided by Line 27)		

		Depreciation - Montana Intrasta	ite Regulated	Year: 2005
			Composite	Total
Line	Acct	Description	Rate	Expense
	No.		%	\$
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	2112	Motor Vehicles	16.20%	234,360
2	2114	Special Purpose Vehicles		
3	2115	Garage Work Equipment		
4	2116	Other work Equipment	9.38%	9,290
5	2121	Buildings	3.04%	110,735
6	2122	Furniture	8.19%	15,149
7	2123.1	Office Support Equipment	13.06%	15,186
8	2123.2	Company Communications Equipment	1	
9	2124	General Purpose Computers	17.26%	235,883
10	2211	Analog Electronic Switching Equipment	]	-
11	2212	Digital Electronic Switching Equipment	9.39%	2,298,722
12	2215	Step By Step Switching Equipment		
13	2215	Crossbar Switching Equipment	1	
14	2220	Operator System		
15	2231	Radio Systems	9.39%	35
16	2232	Circuit DDS		
17	2232	Circuit Digital	9.39%	3,145,937
18	2232	Circuit Analog	İ	, ,
19	2351	Public Telephone Terminating Equipment	1	
20	2362	Other Terminal Equipment		
21	2411	Poles	11.29%	45,444
22	2421	Aerial Cable Metallic	9.32%	81,709
23	2421	Aerial Cable Nonmetallic	9.32%	109,072
24	2422	Underground Cable Metallic	3.41%	49,038
25	2422	Underground Cable Nonmetallic	3.41%	5,293
26	2423	Buried Cable Metallic	4.43%	2,641,442
27	2423	Buried Cable Nonmetallic	4.43%	258,135
28	2424	Submarine Cable Metallic	3.30%	192
29	2424	Submarine Cable Nonmetallic		
30	2426	Intrabuilding Network Cable Metallic		
31	2426	Intrabuilding Network Cable Nonmetallic		
32	2431	Aerial Wire	9.09%	6,963
33	2441	Conduit Systems	2.37%	38,450
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35		COMPOSITE TOTAL		9,301,035
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37	Pleas	e list the Montana Public Service Commssion Docket O	order No. approving these de	preciation rates
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39		Docket Number83.9.88Order N	fumber5052	
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THIS SCHEDULE IS REPORTED FOR TOTAL MONTANA AND AGREES WITH SCHEDULE 4, LINE 31.

**Amortization - Montana Intrastate Regulated** 

		Amortization - Montana Intrastate	Regulated	Year: 2005
			Composite	Total
Line	Acct	Description	Rate	Expense
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	Montana Reg	ulatory Capital	Structure &	Costs	Year: 2005
Line No.	Description (a)		% Cap. Str. (b)	% Cost Rate (c)	Weighted Cost (d)
	Commission Accepted - I	Most Recent			
2	Docket Number 92. Order Number 563	7.32 88C			
	Common Equity Preferred Stock Long Term Debt				
7 8	Other Total				
9 10 11	Actual at Year E	End			
12 13 14	Common Equity Preferred Stock Long Term Debt	56,371,668 230,000	99.59% 0.41%	13.700% 8.913%	13.644% 0.037%
15 16	Other Total	56,601,668	100.00%		13.680%

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**SCHEDULE 32** 

	Network Access - Charges and	Revenues	Year: 2005
Line No.	Description (a)	Access Charges Paid (b)	Access Revenues Received (c)
1 2	Montana - Total State	N/A	21,112,723
1	Montana - Intrastate		5,648,998
5	Montana - Intrastate Regulated		4,967,516
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Affiliate Name  (a)  (a)  CenturyTel Service Group, Inc.  CenturyTel of Washington, Inc.  CenturyTel Holdings MO., Inc.  All Other  CenturyTel Supply, Inc.  (a)  CenturyTel Supply, Inc.  (b)  (c)  (c)  (c)  (d)  (e)  (e)  (e)  (e)  (f)  (e)  (f)  (f	Affiliate Transactions - Products & Services Provided to Utility Year: 2005	Products & Services Method to Determine Price to Utility (e) (f) (e) (f)	Services   351,322   351,322   351,322   351,322   351,322   340,909   240,909   31,137   22,639   36,280   3
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		Affiliate Transactions	Affiliate Transactions - Products & Services Provided by Utility	ovided by Util	ity	Year: 2005
Line No.	Affiliate Name	Products & Services (b)	Method to Determine Price (c)	Charges to Affliate (d)	% Total Affil. Revenues (e)	Charges to MT Utility (f)
3 2 1	CenturyTel Internet Services, Inc.	Management, Billing & Coll., Operating, DSL & Miscellaneous Services	Contract Year - 2001	319,028	7.1%	319,028
4	CenturyTel Long Distance, LLC	ŧ	Contract Year - 2001	465,964	10.4%	465,964
2	CenturyTel of MidWest MI,Inc.	Ξ	Contract Year - 2003	58,612	1.3%	58,612
9	CenturyTel of Wisconsin, Inc.	z	2	84,083	1.9%	84,083
7	CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc.	Ξ	2	259,949	2.8%	259,949
∞	Spectra Commun. Group, LLC	=	±	244,239	5.5%	244,239
6	CenturyTel of USA Wisconsin	E	=	109,666	2.5%	109,666
10	CenturyTel of GTE Wisconsin	=	=	131,294	2.9%	131,294
11	CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc.	=	ŧ	117,454	2.6%	117,454
12	Century Tel of Ohio, Inc.	±	£	148,122	3.3%	148,122
13	CenturyTel of Washington, Inc.	=	Ξ	316,896	7.1%	316,896
14	Century Tel of Eastern Oregon, Inc.	E	=	59,364	1.3%	59,364
15	Century Tel of Oregon, Inc.	=	æ	78,862	1.8%	78,862
] 	Century Tel of Gem State, Inc.	<b>=</b>	=	123,804	7.8%	123,804
17	Century Tel of Eagle, Inc.	<b>=</b>	=	423,773	9.5%	423,773
18	Century Tel of Wyoming, Inc.	=	z	158,834	3.6%	158,834
19	CenturyTel of MidW. WI., Inc.	æ	=	151,110	3.4%	151,110
70	Century Tel of Mid W. WICencom	=	=	59,369	1.3%	59,369
21	Century Tel of Mid WKendall, Inc.	<b>.</b>	=	144,484	3.2%	144,484
22	Century Tel of Minnesota, Inc.	=	=	57,148	1.3%	57,148
23	CenturyTel of SoW. Missouri	=	=	394,255	8.8%	394,255
24	CenturyTel of Central Missouri	=	=	147,379	3.3%	147,379
25	All Other	=	=	417,872	9.3%	417,872
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27			For all Affiliates Contract Price			
28			Determined by Fully Distributed			
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2	IOIAL			\$4,471,561	100.00%	\$4,471,561

	Montana Intrastate Regulated Earned R	ate of Return	Y	ear: 2005
Line	Description	This	Last	Percent
No.	Rate Base	Year	Year	Change
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
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2		101,995,662	99,224,590	2.79%
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	3100-3200 (Less) Accumulated Depreciation	(62,767,445)	(60,148,111)	-4.35%
5		39,228,217	39,076,479	0.39%
6				
7		}		
8	1220 Materials & Supplies	7,705	5,543	39.00%
9	1			
10	·	527,480	565,285	-6.69%
11	TOTAL Additions	535,185	570,828	-6.24%
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16	1 0	(5,864,067)	(5,847,930)	-0.28%
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19		(5,864,067)	(5,847,930)	-0.28%
20	TOTAL Rate Base	45,627,469	33,799,377	35.00%
21	N W			
22	Net Earnings	42,720	265,674	-83.92%
23	D. C. C. D.			
24 25	Rate of Return on Average Rate Base	0.094%	0.786%	-88.09%
26	Doto of Dotum on Assurage Faults	15.5000/	40.5000	
27	Rate of Return on Average Equity	17.700%	13.700%	29.20%
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45	Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Equity			
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	Year: 2005		
Line	Description	Last Year	This Year
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Montana Telephone Company License Tax	1,120,334	1,135,302
2	Montana Public Service Commission Tax	61,024	55,705
3	Montana Consumer Counsel Tax	26,703	32,603
4	911 Emergency Telephone Fee	371,328	366,289
5	Montana Telecommunications Access Service (TDD)	74,662	73,685
6	Montana Corporate License Tax	500,000	610,000
7	Personal Property Tax		, !
8	Real Property Tax	1,774,606	1,835,379
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12	Total	3,928,657	4,108,963

### **SCHEDULE 37**

### Universal Service Funds Received

Universal Service Funds Received			Year: 2005
Line	Description	Last Year	This Year
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)
13	Funds received from Montana Sources	N/A	
14	Funds received from Federal Sources	1,109,904	2,185,926
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24	Total	1,109,904	2,185,926