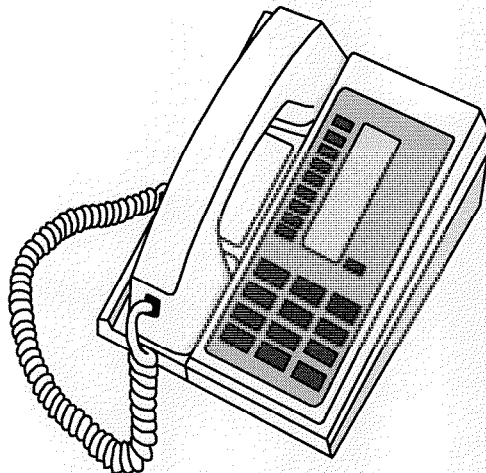


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ANNUAL REPORT
OF
**Century Telephone
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TELEPHONE UTILITY

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April 28, 2000

Ms. Laura Calkin
Montana Public Service Commission
Accounting & Support Services
1701 Prospect Avenue
P.O. Box 202601
Helena, MT 59620-2601

Chk # 83161
Chk Amt 25.00
Chk Date 4/27/2000
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Dear Ms. Calkin:

Re: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

Enclosed is the 1999 Annual Report and check for the above referenced company. The proprietary information on Schedule 27 of the 1999 Annual Report will be sent at a later date.

All questions regarding this correspondence should be addressed to:

Mr. G. Clay Bailey
Vice President of Government Relations
P.O. Box 4065
Monroe, LA 71211-4065
(318) 388-9069

Sincerely,

Missy VanCoeverying

Missy VanCoeverying
Supervisor Wireline Revenues/Expenses

MV/pbh

Enclosures

xc: Carol Squyres - without report
G. Clay Bailey - without report
Stacy Odom - with report
Bill May - with report
General Accounting File - with report

General Information

Year: 1999

1.	Legal Name of Respondent:	CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.
2.	Name Under Which Respondent Does Business:	CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.
3.	Date of Incorporation:	October 23, 1946
4.	Address to send Correspondence Concerning Report:	100 Century Park Drive, P.O. Box 4065 Monroe, LA 71211-4065
5.	Person Responsible for This Report:	Clay Bailey
5a.	Telephone Number:	(318) 388-9000
Control Over Respondent		CenturyTel, Inc.
1.	If direct control over the respondent was held by another entity at the end of the year provide the following:	100 Century Park Drive P.O. Box 4065 Monroe, LA 71211-4065
1a. Name and address of the controlling organization or person: PacifiCorp Holdings, Inc. owned 100% of the voting securities of Pacific Telecom, Inc. until December 1, 1997 when these securities were sold to Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc.		
1b. Means by which control was held:		Ownership of voting securities
1c. Percent Ownership:		99%

Board of Directors			
Line No.	Name of Director and Address (City, State)		Fees Paid During Year
	(a)		(b)
1	Clarke M. Williams	Monroe, Louisiana	None
2	Glen F. Post, III	Monroe, Louisiana	None
3	Harvey P. Perry	Monroe, Louisiana	None
4	Kenneth R. Cole	Monroe, Louisiana	None
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Officers

Year: 1999

Line No.	Title of Officer (a)	Department Over Which Jurisdiction is Exercised (b)	Name and Address of Person Holding Office at Year End (c)
1	Chief Executive Officer	All	Glen F. Post, III
2			Monroe, Louisiana
3			
4	President	Telephone Group	Kenneth R. Cole
5			Monroe, Louisiana
6			
7	Vice President and Controller	Accounting	Neil A. Sweasy
8			Monroe, Louisiana
9			
10	Vice President, Treasurer, and	Treasury, Budgeting, Cash Management,	David G. Thiels
11	Assistant Secretary	& Taxes	Monroe, Louisiana
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13			
14	Vice President	Revenues and Pricing	Marvin C. Cunningham, Jr.
15			Monroe, Louisiana
16			
17	Vice President	Region - Northwestern	Nick Bowman
18			Monroe, Louisiana
19			
20	Vice President	Operations	Douglas J. Alden
21			Monroe, Louisiana
22			
23	Vice President	Division - Montana	Gary Perleberg
24			Kalispell, Montana
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26	Secretary		Kay Buchart
27			Monroe, Louisiana
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29	Assistant Secretary		Maureen Z. Christie
30			Monroe, Louisiana
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Total Company Balance Sheet

Year: 1999

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1		CURRENT ASSETS:		
2	1120	Cash and Equivalents	5,651,834	859,547
3	1180	Telecommunications Accounts Receivable - Net	4,093,385	4,059,718
4	1190	Other Accounts Receivable - Net	3,997,163	2,190,808
5	1200	Notes Receivable - Net		
6	1210	Interest and Dividends Receivable		
7	1220	Materials and Supplies	47,088	65,560
8	* 1280	Prepayments	12,632	119,371
9	^ 1290	Prepaid Rents		102,249
10	^ 1300	Prepaid Taxes		
11	^ 1310	Prepaid Insurance		
12	^ 1320	Prepaid Directory Expenses		
13	^ 1330	Other Prepayments	12,632	17,122
14	1350	Other Current Assets		
15		Total Current Assets	13,802,102	7,295,004
16		NONCURRENT ASSETS:		
17	1401	Investments in Affiliated Companies		
18	1402	Investments in Nonaffiliated Companies		
19	1406	Nonregulated Investments	710,475	526,036
20	1407	Unamortized Debt Issuance Expense		
21	1408	Sinking Funds		
22	1410	Other Noncurrent Assets		
23	1438	Deferred Maintenance and Retirements		
24	1439	Deferred Charges		279,068
25	1500	Other Jurisdictional Assets - Net		
26		Total Noncurrent Assets	710,475	805,104
27		PROPERTY, PLANT, & EQUIPMENT:		
28	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	115,664,651	107,876,117
29	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
30	2003	Plant Under Construction - Short Term	856,319	197,835
31	2004	Plant Under Construction - Long Term		
32	2005	Telecommunications Plant Adjustment		
33	2006	Nonoperating Plant	2,582	2,582
34	2007	Goodwill		
35	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(59,718,019)	(52,862,193)
36	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - Held for Future Use		
37	3300	Accumulated Depreciation - Nonoperating		
38	3400	Accumulated Amortization		
39		Net Property, Plant, & Equipment	56,805,533	55,214,341
40		TOTAL ASSETS	71,318,110	63,314,449

^ Subaccount of account marked with a *.

Total Company Balance Sheet

Year: 1999

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
41		CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
42	4010	Accounts Payable	3,647,626	5,730,348
43	4020	Notes Payable		
44	4030	Advance Billing and Payments	624,566	589,868
45	4040	Customer Deposits		
46	4050	Current Maturities - Long Term Debt		
47	4060	Current Maturities - Capital Leases		
48	4070	Income Taxes - Accrued	537,106	979,508
49	4080	Other Taxes - Accrued	1,166,263	1,525,016
50	4100	Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes		
51	4110	Net Current Deferred Nonoperating Income Taxes		
52	4120	Other Accrued Liabilities	651,944	972,869
53	4130	Other Current Liabilities		32,300
54		Total Current Liabilities	6,627,505	9,829,909
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		134,991
67	4330	Unamort. Nonoper. Invest. Tax Credits - Net		
68	4340	Net Noncurrent Deferred Oper. Income Taxes	7,258,841	6,088,817
69	4350	Net Noncurrent Deferred Nonoper. Income Taxes		
70	4360	Other Deferred Credits	2,419,976	1,880,168
71	4370	Other Jurisdictional Liab. and Def. Credits		72,687
72		Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits	9,678,817	8,176,663
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	48,321,272	38,617,361
79		Total Stockholders' Equity	55,011,788	45,307,877
80		TOTAL LIAB. AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	71,318,110	63,314,449

Total Company Income Statement

Year: 1999

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1		REVENUES:		
2	5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	18,548,695	17,260,997
3	5080	Network Access Revenues	(1) 18,006,847	(2) 15,573,016
4	* 5100	Long Distance Message Revenue	966,537	903,986
5	^ 5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue		
6	^ 5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue	964,971	903,955
7	^ 5160	Other Long Distance Revenue	1,566	31
8	^ 5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements		
9	* 5200	Miscellaneous Revenue	3,873,825	3,771,926
10	^ 5230	Directory Revenue	3,040,493	2,840,026
11	^ 5240	Rent Revenue	33,795	59,641
12	^ 5250	Corporate Operations Revenue		
13	^ 5260	Miscellaneous Revenue	(3) 52,737	(4) 71,540
14	^ 5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue	746,800	800,719
15	^ 5280	Nonregulated Revenue		
16	5300	Uncollectible Revenue	(579,747)	(75,753)
17		Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)	40,816,157	37,434,172
18		OPERATING EXPENSES:		
19	6110	Network Support Expense	77,151	101,002
20	6120	General Support Expense	1,682,529	1,232,655
21	6210	Central Office Switching Expense	916,918	1,023,044
22	6220	Operator Systems Expense		
23	6230	Central Office Transmission Expense	466,858	598,122
24	6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense		123
25	* 6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	2,299,149	2,152,860
26	^ 6431	Aerial Wire Expense	(846)	873
27	^ 6441	Conduit Systems Expense		
28	6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense	57,279	
29	6530	Network Operations Expense	2,056,495	2,074,470
30	6540	Access Expense	235,094	223,404
31	6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense	7,564,552	7,191,144
32	6610	Marketing	1,040,495	1,041,308
33	6620	Services	2,859,489	2,486,242
34	6710	Executive and Planning	522,086	548,535
35	6720	General and Administrative	3,406,286	4,455,487
36	6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable		
37		Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)	23,183,535	23,129,269
38	7100	Other Operating Income and Expense		
39	7200	Operating Taxes	8,656,845	7,331,755
40		Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)	8,975,777	6,973,148
41	7300	Nonoperating Income and Expense	126,250	257,088
42	7400	Nonoperating Taxes		
43	7500	Interest and Related Items	(22,553)	(812,773)
44	7600	Extraordinary Items		(305,708)
45	7910	Effects of Juris. Ratemaking Diff. - Net		
46	7990	Nonregulated Net Income	628,915	451,865
7		NET INCOME (L.40+L.41-L.42-L.43-L.44+L.45-L.46)	9,708,389	6,563,620

Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

(1) Includes \$702,113 of Interstate prior period revenues.

(3) Includes \$33,495 of Interstate prior period revenues.

(2) Includes \$398,779 of Interstate prior period revenues.

(4) Includes \$25,359 of Interstate prior period revenues. Page 5

Montana Total State Income Statement

Year: 1999

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1		REVENUES:		
2	5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	N/A	N/A
3	5080	Network Access Revenues		
4	* 5100	Long Distance Message Revenue		
5	^ 5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue		
6	^ 5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue		
7	^ 5160	Other Long Distance Revenue		
8	^ 5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements		
9	* 5200	Miscellaneous Revenue		
10	^ 5230	Directory Revenue		
11	^ 5240	Rent Revenue		
12	^ 5250	Corporate Operations Revenue		
13	^ 5260	Miscellaneous Revenue		
14	^ 5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue		
15	^ 5280	Nonregulated Revenue		
16	5300	Uncollectible Revenue		
17		Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)		
18		OPERATING EXPENSES:		
19	6110	Network Support Expense		
20	6120	General Support Expense		
21	6210	Central Office Switching Expense		
22	6220	Operator Systems Expense		
23	6230	Central Office Transmission Expense		
24	6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense		
25	* 6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense		
26	^ 6431	Aerial Wire Expense		
27	^ 6441	Conduit Systems Expense		
28	6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense		
29	6530	Network Operations Expense		
30	6540	Access Expense		
31	6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense		
32	6610	Marketing		
33	6620	Services		
34	6710	Executive and Planning		
35	6720	General and Administrative		
36	6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable		
37		Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)		
38	7100	Other Operating Income and Expense		
39	7200	Operating Taxes		
40		Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)		

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Montana Intrastate Income Statement

Year: 1999

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1		REVENUES:		
2	5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	18,548,695	17,260,997
3	5080	Network Access Revenues	7,812,520	6,091,051
4	* 5100	Long Distance Message Revenue	966,537	903,987
5	^ 5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue		
6	^ 5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue	964,971	903,956
7	^ 5160	Other Long Distance Revenue	1,566	31
8	^ 5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements		
9	* 5200	Miscellaneous Revenue	3,184,680	2,953,102
10	^ 5230	Directory Revenue	2,874,989	2,682,392
11	^ 5240	Rent Revenue	24,365	42,873
12	^ 5250	Corporate Operations Revenue		
13	^ 5260	Miscellaneous Revenue	27,243	13,408
14	^ 5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue	258,083	214,429
15	^ 5280	Nonregulated Revenue		
16	5300	Uncollectible Revenue	579,747	75,753
17		Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)	29,932,685	27,133,384
18		OPERATING EXPENSES:		
19	6110	Network Support Expense	58,565	72,603
20	6120	General Support Expense	1,210,140	886,090
21	6210	Central Office Switching Expense	655,475	724,869
22	6220	Operator Systems Expense		
23	6230	Central Office Transmission Expense	316,228	423,794
24	6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense		92
25	* 6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	1,668,338	1,564,167
26	^ 6431	Aerial Wire Expense	(614)	634
27	^ 6441	Conduit Systems Expense		
28	6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense		
29	6530	Network Operations Expense	1,524,002	1,491,221
30	6540	Access Expense		
31	6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense	5,157,138	5,157,138
32	6610	Marketing	779,225	779,833
33	6620	Services	2,190,057	1,945,430
34	6710	Executive and Planning	384,504	405,464
35	6720	General and Administrative	2,487,171	3,293,390
36	6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable		
37		Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)	16,430,229	16,744,725
38	7100	Other Operating Income and Expense		
39	7200	Operating Taxes	6,595,090	5,160,983
40		Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)	6,907,366	5,227,676

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Montana Intrastate Regulated Income Statement

Year: 1999

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1		REVENUES:		
2	5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	17,737,940	16,562,304
3	5080	Network Access Revenues	7,809,323	6,086,679
4	* 5100	Long Distance Message Revenue	1,566	31
5	^ 5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue		
6	^ 5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue		
7	^ 5160	Other Long Distance Revenue	1,566	31
8	^ 5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements		
9	* 5200	Miscellaneous Revenue	2,925,867	2,737,384
10	^ 5230	Directory Revenue	2,874,989	2,682,392
11	^ 5240	Rent Revenue	23,702	41,760
12	^ 5250	Corporate Operations Revenue		
13	^ 5260	Miscellaneous Revenue	27,176	13,232
14	^ 5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue		
15	^ 5280	Nonregulated Revenue		
16	5300	Uncollectible Revenue	579,747	75,753
17		Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)	27,894,949	25,310,645
18		OPERATING EXPENSES:		
19	6110	Network Support Expense	56,393	70,209
20	6120	General Support Expense	1,165,245	856,848
21	6210	Central Office Switching Expense	635,009	703,128
22	6220	Operator Systems Expense		
23	6230	Central Office Transmission Expense	306,354	411,083
24	6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense		92
25	* 6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	1,606,955	1,508,994
26	^ 6431	Aerial Wire Expense	(591)	612
27	^ 6441	Conduit Systems Expense		
28	6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense		
29	6530	Network Operations Expense	1,467,464	1,442,009
30	6540	Access Expense		
31	6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense	4,949,273	4,943,590
32	6610	Marketing	755,412	755,489
33	6620	Services	1,903,915	1,654,307
34	6710	Executive and Planning	360,196	381,741
35	6720	General and Administrative	2,310,097	3,095,087
36	6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable		
37		Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)	15,515,722	15,823,189
38	7100	Other Operating Income and Expense		
39	7200	Operating Taxes	6,114,380	4,756,392
40		Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)	6,264,847	4,731,064

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Notes to Schedule 8

(A) Revenues and expenses were allocated using FCC Part 36 separation rules. Allocation factors are based on prior years traffic measurements (ie allocations for 1999 are based on the 1998 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.

Average Rate Base - Total State

Year: 1999

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	111,770,384	105,128,694
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(56,290,106)	(50,380,456)
3	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
4	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - 2002		
5	1220	Materials and Supplies	124,835	343,482
6	4340	Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(6,673,829)	(6,225,270)
7		Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits		
8		Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission)	641,876	654,991
9		Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8)	49,573,160	49,521,441

Average Rate Base - Intrastate

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	80,590,105	75,571,210
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(40,365,193)	(35,925,639)
3	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
4	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - 2002		
5	1220	Materials and Supplies	90,592	249,559
6	4340	Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(4,812,007)	(4,475,003)
7		Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits		
8		Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission)	463,278	476,202
9		Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8)	35,966,775	35,896,329

Average Rate Base - Regulated Intrastate

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	77,515,678	72,559,038
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(38,750,996)	(34,388,724)
3	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
4	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - 2002		
5	1220	Materials and Supplies	88,806	240,851
6	4340	Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(4,626,274)	(4,298,827)
7		Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits		
8		Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission)	434,238	447,107
9		Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8)	34,661,452	34,559,445

Statement of Cash Flows

Year: 1999

Line No.	Item Description (a)	Amount (b)	Amount (c)
1	Increase/(decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		
2	Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
3	Net Income		9,708,389
4	Reconciliation Adjustments:		
5	Depreciation & Amortization	7,564,552	
6	Provision for Accounts Receivable Losses		
7	Deferred Income Taxes - Net	1,019,072	
8	Unamortized Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) - Net		
9	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC)		
10	Change in Operating Receivables - Net	(1,840,022)	
11	Change in Materials, Supplies & Inventories - Net		
12	Change in Operating Payables & Accrued Liabilities - Net	(2,082,722)	
13	Change in Other Assets & Deferred Credits - Net		
14	Change in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits - Net	(570,167)	
15	Other (explained on back of this page)	279,068	
16	Total Adjustments		
17	Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Operating Activities		14,078,170
18	Cash Inflows/Outflows From Investing Activities:		
19	Construction/Acquisition of Property, Plant & Equipment (net of	(9,281,405)	
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)		
25	Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Investing Activities		(9,281,405)
26	Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
27	Net Incr./(Decr.) in Short-Term Debt, Original maturity <= 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	(4,478)	
36	Other Financing Activities (explained on back of this page)		
37	Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities		(4,478)
38	Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash		
39	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		4,792,287
40	Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period		859,547
41	Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Period		5,651,834

Company Name: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

SCHEDULE 10

Receivables and Investments-Affiliated & Nonaffiliated Companies

ar: 1999

Line No.	Name of Affiliate or Company (a)	Account 1160 Temporary Investments (b)	Account 1180 Telecom. Accounts Receivable (c)	Account 1181 Accts. Rec. Allowance (d)	Account 1190 Other Accounts Receivable (e)	Account 1191 Accounts Receivable Allow. - Other (f)	Account 1200 Notes Receivable (g)	Account 1201 Notes Receivable Allowance (h)	Account 1210 Interest and Dividends Receivable (i)	Account 1401 Investments in Affil. Companies (j)	Account 1402 Investments in Nonaffil. Companies (k)
1	AT & T				61,528						
2	Bell				538,854						
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29	Aggregate of all balances		4,154,651	(61,266)	3,396,781						
30	Totals		4,154,651	(61,266)	3,997,163						

Net Plant in Service - Detail

Year:1999

Line No.	Account (a)	Description (b)	Beginning of Year Balance (c)	Additions (d)	Retirements (e)	Sales & Transfers (f)	End of Year Account 2001 Balance (g)	Year End Accumulated Depreciation (h)	End of Year Net Plant Balance (i)
1	* 2110	Land and Support Assets	6,919,542	547,115	106,856	304,846	7,664,647	4,042,074	3,622,573
2	^ 2111	Land	467,745				467,745		467,745
3	^ 2112	Motor Vehicles	1,142,751	244,420		112,058	1,499,229	806,899	692,330
4	^ 2113	Aircraft							
5	^ 2114	Special Purpose Vehicles							
6	^ 2115	Garage Work Equipment							
7	^ 2116	Other Work Equipment	604,774	140,694	24,022	37,047	758,493	649,375	109,118
8	^ 2121	Buildings	3,175,227	8,731		85,238	3,269,196	1,607,398	1,661,798
9	^ 2122	Furniture	221,086		5,405	16,109	231,790	129,044	102,746
10	^ 2123	Office Equipment	321,973		17,270	18,039	322,742	770,579	(447,837)
11	^ 2124	General Purpose Computers	985,986	153,270	60,159	36,355	1,115,452	78,779	1,036,673
12	2211	Analog Electronic Switching						(74,050)	74,050
13	2212	Digital Electronic Switching	24,392,191	1,245,725	130,488	85,030	25,592,458	16,762,282	8,830,176
14	2215	Electro-Mechanical Switching	173,685				173,685	(585,650)	759,335
15	2220	Operator Systems						22,246	(22,246)
16	2231	Radio Systems	246,866		54,884		191,982	187,876	4,106
17	2232	Circuit Equipment	18,671,175	2,316,873	383,963	12,511	20,616,596	13,927,313	6,689,283
18	* 2310	Information Orig & Term Equip							
19	^ 2311	Station Apparatus							
20	^ 2321	Customer Premises Wiring							
21	^ 2341	Large Private Branch Exchanges							
22	^ 2351	Public Telephone Term. Equip.							
23	^ 2362	Other Terminal Equipment							
24	2411	Poles	1,447,902	52,538	22,701		1,477,739	1,521,132	(43,393)
25	* 2420	Cable and Wire Facilities	54,526,926	4,077,242	178,621		58,425,547	23,219,012	35,206,535
26	^ 2421	Aerial Cable	9,359,926	404,911	54,976		9,709,861	7,054,381	2,655,480
27	^ 2422	Underground Cable	1,106,745	89,326	2,213		1,193,858	430,296	763,562
28	^ 2423	Buried Cable	44,021,220	3,583,003	121,432		47,482,791	15,693,177	31,789,614
29	^ 2424	Submarine Cable	5,855	2			5,857	2,114	3,743
30	^ 2425	Deep Sea Cable							
31	^ 2426	Intrabuilding Network Cable	33,180				33,180	39,044	(5,864)
32	2431	Aerial Wire	511,399	110	46		511,463	379,215	132,248
33	2441	Conduit Systems	980,949	24,103			1,005,052	313,272	691,780
34		Totals	107,870,635	8,263,706	877,559	402,387	115,659,169	59,714,722	55,944,447
	2682	Leasehold Improvements	5,482				5,482	3,297	2,185
		Totals with Leasehold Improvement	107,876,117	8,263,706	877,559	402,387	115,664,651	59,718,019	55,946,632

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Analysis of Plant Held for Future Use

Year: 1999

Line No.	Location and Description of Property (a)	Date Included in Account 2002 (b)	Book Cost of Property at Beginning of Year (c)	Additions During the Year (d)	Retirements During the Year (e)	Transfers and Adjustments Charges and (Credits) (f)	Book Cost of Property at End of Year (g)
1	N/A						
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30	Totals (Sum L.1 to L.29)						

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Average Cost of Long Term Debt

Year: 1999

Line No.	Description (a)	Issue Date (b)	Maturity Date (c)	Principal Amount (d)	Gross Proceeds (e)	Net Proceeds (f)	Net Per \$100 (g)	Outstanding Per Balance Sheet (h)	Yield to Maturity (i)	Annual Net Cost (j)	Amortization of Premium or Discount (k)	Total Cost (%) (l)
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30	Total											

Cost of Preferred Stock

Year: 1999

Line No.	Description (a)	Date of Issuance (b)	Method of Offering (c)	Call Redemption Price (d)	Par Value Of Issue (e)	Gross Proceeds Amounts (f)	Net Proceeds Amounts (g)	Net Proceeds Per \$100 (h)	Cost of Money (i)	Principal Outstanding (j)	Annual Cost (k)	Embedded Cost (l)
1	Preferred stock 5% cumulative	12/50	Private	None	\$100	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	50,000	1,125	0
2	authorized and outstanding, 500											
3	shares of \$100 par value											
4	(includes 275 held in treasury)											
5												
6	Serial preferred, 10% cumulative	12/71	Private	None	100	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	180,000	6,000	0
7	authorized 100,000 shares of											
8	\$100 par value; 1,800 shares issued											
9	(includes 1,200 shares held in treasury)											
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30	Totals (Sum L.1 to L.29)									230,000	7,125	

(A) No preferred stock transactions took place during 1999.

Analysis of Common Stock

Year: 1999

Line No.	(a)	Avg. Number of Shares Outstanding (b)	Book Value (per share) (c)	Earnings (per share) (d)	Dividends (per share) (e)	Retention Ratio (f)	Market Price High (g) Low (h)	Price/Earnings Ratio (i)
1	Year Ended December 31:	96,000		101.13		(A)	(A)	(A)
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7								
8	Month by Month Data:							
9	January		478.91					
10	February		485.61					
11	March		493.27	21.34				
12	April		501.31					
13	May		509.82					
14	June		514.99	21.72				
15	July		524.28					
16	August		532.16					
17	September		544.06	29.08				
18	October		550.63					
19	November		559.90					
20	December		573.04	28.99				
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(A) Not Applicable, common stock not publicly traded.

Capital Stock and Funded Debt Reacquired or Retired During the Year

Year: 1999

Line No.	Description of Security (a)	Call or Retirement Date (b)	Number of Shares (c)	Principal Amount (d)	Reacquisition or Retirement Cost (e)	Gain or (Loss) (f)	Retirement or Reacquisition (g)
1	N/A						
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30	Totals (Sum L.1 to L.29)						

Total Company Expense Matrix

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	Salaries and Wages (c)	Benefits (d)	Rents (e)	Other Expenses (f)	Clearances (g)	Total (h)
1	*	6110 Network Support Expense	15,402	4,327	127	57,295		77,151
2	^	6112 Motor Vehicle Expense						
3	^	6113 Aircraft Expense	15,402	4,327	127	57,295		77,151
4	^	6114 Special Purpose Vehicles Expense						
5	^	6115 Garage Work Equipment Expense						
6	^	6116 Other Work Equipment Expense						
7	*	6120 General Support Expense	380,525	123,916	188,012	990,076		1,682,529
8	^	6121 Land and Building Expense	235	84	70,500	256,222		327,041
9	^	6122 Furniture and Artworks Expense						
10	^	6123 Office Equipment Expense	21,864	7,209	27	2,710		31,810
11	^	6124 General Purpose Computers Expense	358,426	116,623	117,485	731,144		1,323,678
12	*	6210 Central Office Switching Expense	552,506	168,260	906	195,246		916,918
13	^	6211 Analog Electronic Expense	3,108	1,044	5	290		4,447
14	^	6212 Digital Electronic Expense	549,398	167,216	901	184,515		902,030
15	^	6215 Electro-Mechanical Expense				10,441		10,441
16		6220 Operator Systems Expense						
17	*	6230 Central Office Transmission Expense	228,611	76,698	302	161,247		466,858
18	^	6231 Radio Systems Expense	3,113	759	4	593		4,469
19	^	6232 Circuit Equipment Expense	225,498	75,939	298	160,654		462,389
20	*	6310 Information Origination/Termination Expense						
21	^	6311 Station Apparatus Expense						
22	^	6341 Large Private Branch Exchange Expense						
23	^	6351 Public Telephone Terminal Equipment Exp.						
24	^	6362 Other Terminal Equipment Expense						
25	*	6410 Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	1,184,155	390,756	1,948	721,444		2,298,303
26	^	6411 Poles Expense	2,846	1,348	5	176,521		180,720
27	^	6421 Aerial Cable Expense	400,160	133,643	698	182,568		717,069
28	^	6422 Underground Cable Expense	(3,169)	(20)	3	6,407		3,221
29	^	6423 Buried Cable Expense	783,313	255,519	1,241	358,049		1,398,122
30	^	6424 Submarine Cable Expense	10	5		2		17
31	^	6425 Deep Sea Cable Expense						
32	^	6426 Intrabuilding Network Cable Expense						
33	^	6431 Aerial Wire Expense	995	261	1	(2,103)		(846)
34		Subtotals	2,361,199	763,957	191,295	2,125,308		5,441,759

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Total Company Expense Matrix

Year: 1999

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	Salaries and Wages (c)	Benefits (d)	Rents (e)	Other Expenses (f)	Clearances (g)	Total (h)
35	^ 6441	Conduit Systems Expense						
36	6510	Other Property Expenses	39,438	12,348	51	5,442		57,279
37	* 6530	Network Operations Expense	1,092,315	330,762	7,282	626,136		2,056,495
38	^ 6531	Power Expense				133,219		133,219
39	^ 6532	Network Administration Expense	204,955	70,449	233	19,770		295,407
40	^ 6533	Testing Expense	8,892	2,483	359	6,120		17,854
41	^ 6534	Plant Operations Expense	268,442	69,279	(529)	68,780		405,972
42	^ 6535	Engineering Expense	610,026	188,551	7,219	398,247		1,204,043
43	6540	Access Expense				235,094		235,094
44	6561	Depreciation - Telecomm. Plant in Service				7,467,402		7,467,402
45	6562	Depreciation-Prop. for Future Telecom. Use						
46	6563	Amortization Expense - Tangible				42		42
47	6564	Amortization Expense - Intangible						
48	6565	Amortization - Other				97,108		97,108
49	* 6610	Marketing	409,474	113,587	461	516,973		1,040,495
50	^ 6611	Product Management	409,474	113,587	461	166,886		690,408
51	^ 6612	Sales				161,837		161,837
52	^ 6613	Product Advertising				188,250		188,250
53	6621	Call Completion Services				42,063		42,063
54	6622	Number Services				38,870		38,870
55	6623	Customer Services	1,532,660	562,911	32,438	650,547		2,778,556
56	6711	Executive	187,141	78,036	(477)	257,386		522,086
57	6712	Planning						
58	6721	Accounting and Finance	363,344	120,556	4,595	332,807		821,302
59	6722	External Relations	90,571	26,402	414	150,722		268,109
60	6723	Human Relations	176,814	60,417	797	173,560		411,588
61	6724	Information Management	225,679	69,327	46,768	563,594		905,368
62	6725	Legal	59,909	22,762	126	79,461		162,258
63	6726	Procurement	59,842	16,211	1,174	20,076		97,303
64	6727	Research and Development						
65	6728	Other General and Administrative	38,888	15,623	257,693	428,154		740,358
66	6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable						
67		Totals	6,637,274	2,192,899	542,617	13,810,745		23,183,535

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Total State Expense Matrix

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	Salaries and Wages (c)	Benefits (d)	Rents (e)	Other Expenses (f)	Clearances (g)	Total (h)
1	*	6110 Network Support Expense	NOT APPLICABLE					
2	^	6112 Motor Vehicle Expense						
3	^	6113 Aircraft Expense						
4	^	6114 Special Purpose Vehicles Expense						
5	^	6115 Garage Work Equipment Expense						
6	^	6116 Other Work Equipment Expense						
7	*	6120 General Support Expense						
8	^	6121 Land and Building Expense						
9	^	6122 Furniture and Artworks Expense						
10	^	6123 Office Equipment Expense						
11	^	6124 General Purpose Computers Expense						
12	*	6210 Central Office Switching Expense						
13	^	6211 Analog Electronic Expense						
14	^	6212 Digital Electronic Expense						
15	^	6215 Electro-Mechanical Expense						
16		6220 Operator Systems Expense						
17	*	6230 Central Office Transmission Expense						
18	^	6231 Radio Systems Expense						
19	^	6232 Circuit Equipment Expense						
20	*	6310 Information Origination/Termination Expense						
21	^	6311 Station Apparatus Expense						
22	^	6341 Large Private Branch Exchange Expense						
23	^	6351 Public Telephone Terminal Equipment Exp.						
24	^	6362 Other Terminal Equipment Expense						
25	*	6410 Cable and Wire Facilities Expense						
26	^	6411 Poles Expense						
27	^	6421 Aerial Cable Expense						
28	^	6422 Underground Cable Expense						
29	^	6423 Buried Cable Expense						
30	^	6424 Submarine Cable Expense						
31	^	6425 Deep Sea Cable Expense						
32	^	6426 Intrabuilding Network Cable Expense						
33	^	6431 Aerial Wire Expense						
34		Subtotals						

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Total State Expense Matrix

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	Salaries and Wages (c)	Benefits (d)	Rents (e)	Other Expenses (f)	Clearances (g)	Total (h)
35	^	Conduit Systems Expense						
36		Other Property Expenses						
37	*	Network Operations Expense						
38	^	Power Expense						
39	^	Network Administration Expense						
40	^	Testing Expense						
41	^	Plant Operations Expense						
42	^	Engineering Expense						
43		Access Expense						
44		Depreciation - Telecomm. Plant in Service						
45		Depreciation-Prop. for Future Telecom. Use						
46		Amortization Expense - Tangible						
47		Amortization Expense - Intangible						
48		Amortization - Other						
49	*	Marketing						
50	^	Product Management						
51	^	Sales						
52	^	Product Advertising						
53		Call Completion Services						
54		Number Services						
55		Customer Services						
56		Executive						
57		Planning						
58		Accounting and Finance						
59		External Relations						
60		Human Relations						
61		Information Management						
62		Legal						
63		Procurement						
64		Research and Development						
65		Other General and Administrative						
66		Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable						
67		Totals						

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Pension Costs

Year: 1999

1	Plan Name _____			
2	Defined Benefit Plan? <u> X </u>	Defined Contribution Plan? <u> </u>		
3	Actuarial Cost Method? <u> </u>	IRS Code: <u> </u>		
4	Annual Contribution by Employer: <u> </u>	Is the Plan Over Funded? <u> </u>		
5				
	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
6	Change in Benefit Obligation	See Note (A) Below		
7	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
8	Service cost			
9	Interest Cost			
10	Plan participants' contributions			
11	Amendments			
12	Actuarial Gain			
13	Acquisition			
14	Benefits paid			
15	Benefit obligation at end of year			
16	Change in Plan Assets			
17	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
18	Actual return on plan assets			
19	Acquisition			
20	Employer contribution			
21	Plan participants' contributions			
22	Benefits paid			
23	Fair value of plan assets at end of year			
24	Funded Status			
25	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
26	Unrecognized prior service cost			
27	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			
28				
29	Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End			
30	Discount rate			
31	Expected return on plan assets			
32	Rate of compensation increase			
33				
34	Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs			
35	Service cost			
36	Interest cost			
37	Expected return on plan assets			
38	Amortization of prior service cost			
39	Recognized net actuarial loss			
40	Net periodic benefit cost			
41				
42	Montana Intrastate Costs:			
43	Pension Costs	(176,289)	(461,202)	-61.78%
44	Pension Costs Capitalized	(6,852)	(17,928)	-61.78%
45	Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End			
46	Number of Company Employees:			
47	Covered by the Plan	146	134	
48	Not Covered by the Plan			
49	Active	146	134	
50	Retired	55	72	
51	Deferred Vested Terminated			

(A) This information is not available on an individual basis. Information regarding the pension plan is summarized in the attached copy of Footnote 15 of CenturyTel, Inc's 1999 annual report.

(15) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLANS

CenturyTel sponsors a defined benefit pension plan for substantially all employees. In addition, the bargaining unit employees of a subsidiary are provided benefits under a separate defined benefit pension plan. CenturyTel also sponsors an Outside Directors' Retirement Plan and a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan to provide directors and officers, respectively, with supplemental retirement, death and disability benefits.

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

December 31,	1999	1998	1997
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Change in benefit obligation			
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 217,747	200,554	20,473
Service cost	5,226	5,361	793
Interest cost	13,817	13,225	2,508
Plan amendments	-	227	-
Acquisition	-	-	175,165
Actuarial (gain) loss	(19,844)	8,683	2,548
Benefits paid	(11,491)	(10,303)	(933)
<u>Benefit obligation at end of year</u>	<u>\$ 205,455</u>	<u>217,747</u>	<u>200,554</u>
Change in plan assets (primarily listed stocks and bonds)			
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 278,678	237,618	22,158
Return on plan assets	52,183	50,720	4,237
Employer contributions	531	643	807
Acquisition	-	-	211,349
Benefits paid	(11,491)	(10,303)	(933)
<u>Fair value of plan assets at end of year</u>	<u>\$ 319,901</u>	<u>278,678</u>	<u>237,618</u>

Net periodic pension cost for 1999, 1998 and 1997 included the following components:

December 31,	1999	1998	1997
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Service cost	\$ 5,226	5,361	793
Interest cost	13,817	13,225	2,508
Expected return on plan assets	(26,824)	(22,925)	(5,715)
Recognized net gains	(3,176)	(2,688)	-
<u>Net amortization and deferral</u>	<u>(235)</u>	<u>(300)</u>	<u>2,459</u>
<u>Net periodic pension (benefit) cost</u>	<u>\$ (11,192)</u>	<u>(7,327)</u>	<u>45</u>

The following table sets forth the combined plans' funded status and amounts recognized in the Company's consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997.

December 31,	1999	1998	1997
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Benefit obligation	\$ (205,455)	(217,747)	(200,554)
Fair value of plan assets	319,901	278,678	237,618
Unrecognized transition asset	(1,892)	(2,136)	(1,550)
Unamortized prior service cost	1,031	1,053	-
<u>Unrecognized net actuarial gain</u>	<u>(100,052)</u>	<u>(57,981)</u>	<u>(37,731)</u>
<u>Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost</u>	<u>\$ 13,533</u>	<u>1,867</u>	<u>(2,217)</u>

Assumptions used in accounting for the pension plans as of December 1999 and 1998 were:

	1999	1998
Discount rates	7.25%	6.5-6.75
Expected long-term rate of return on assets	8.0-10.0%	8.0-10.0

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS)

	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
1	Regulatory Treatment:			
2	Commission authorized - most recent			
3	Docket number: _____			
4	Order number: _____			
5	Amount recovered through rates			
6	Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End	See Note (A) Below		
7	Discount rate			
8	Expected return on plan assets			
9	Medical Cost Inflation Rate			
10	Actuarial Cost Method			
11	Rate of compensation increase			
12	List each method used to fund OPEBs (ie: VEBA, 401(h)) and if tax advantaged:			
13	VEBA - Tax Advantaged	OTHER TRUSTS - Not Tax Advantaged		
14	401 (h) - Tax Advantaged			
15	Describe any Changes to the Benefit Plan:			
16				
17	TOTAL COMPANY			
18	Change in Benefit Obligation			
19	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
20	Service cost			
21	Interest Cost			
22	Plan participants' contributions			
23	Amendments			
24	Actuarial Gain			
25	Acquisition			
26	Benefits paid			
27	Benefit obligation at end of year			
28	Change in Plan Assets			
29	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
30	Actual return on plan assets			
31	Acquisition			
32	Employer contribution			
33	Plan participants' contributions			
34	Benefits paid			
35	Fair value of plan assets at end of year			
36	Funded Status			
37	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
38	Unrecognized prior service cost			
39	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			
40	Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs			
41	Service cost			
42	Interest cost			
43	Expected return on plan assets			
44	Amortization of prior service cost			
45	Recognized net actuarial loss			
46	Net periodic benefit cost	645,893	717,037	-9.92%
47	Accumulated Post Retirement Benefit Obligation			
48	Amount Funded through VEBA			
49	Amount Funded through 401(h)			
50	Amount Funded through Other _____			
51	TOTAL			
52	Amount that was tax deductible - VEBA			
53	Amount that was tax deductible - 401(h)			
54	Amount that was tax deductible - Other _____			
55	TOTAL			

(A) The actuary provides information on a total plan basis only. Information regarding to OPEB plan is included in the attached copy of Footnote 6 of the CenturyTel, Inc. annual report.

(6) POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Company sponsors defined benefit health care plans that provide postretirement benefits to substantially all retired full-time employees.

The following is a reconciliation for the benefit obligation and the plan assets.

December 31,	1999	1998	1997
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Change in benefit obligation			
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 172,323	152,632	59,157
Service cost	4,850	5,519	2,578
Interest cost	10,089	10,744	5,047
Plan amendments	(2,492)	-	-
Participant contributions	419	298	119
Acquisition	-	-	80,166
Actuarial (gain) loss	(23,855)	9,720	7,789
Benefits paid	(4,610)	(6,590)	(2,224)
<u>Benefit obligation at end of year</u>	<u>\$ 156,724</u>	<u>172,323</u>	<u>152,632</u>
Change in plan assets (primarily listed stocks and bonds)			
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 35,799	34,618	-
Return on assets	2,961	4,080	-
Employer contributions	7,212	3,393	-
Participant contributions	419	298	-
Acquisition	-	-	34,618
Benefits paid	(4,610)	(6,590)	-
<u>Fair value of plan assets at end of year</u>	<u>\$ 41,781</u>	<u>35,799</u>	<u>34,618</u>

Net periodic postretirement benefit cost for 1999, 1998 and 1997 included the following components:

Year ended December 31,	1999	1998	1997
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Service cost	\$ 4,850	5,519	2,578
Interest cost	10,089	10,744	5,047
Expected return on plan assets	(2,961)	(3,250)	(458)
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial (gains) losses	(565)	430	292
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	(129)	121	121
<u>Net periodic postretirement benefit cost</u>	<u>\$ 11,284</u>	<u>13,564</u>	<u>7,580</u>

The following table sets forth the amounts recognized as liabilities for postretirement benefits at December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997.

Year ended December 31,	1999	1998	1997
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Benefit obligation	\$ (156,724)	(172,323)	(152,632)
Fair value of plan assets	41,781	35,799	34,618
Unamortized prior service cost	(1,303)	1,060	1,182
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	707	23,972	14,622
<u>Accrued benefit cost</u>	<u>\$ (115,539)</u>	<u>(111,492)</u>	<u>(102,210)</u>

Assumptions used in accounting for postretirement benefits as of December 31, 1999 and 1998 were:

	1999	1998
Weighted average assumptions		
Discount rate	7.25%	6.5-6.75
Expected return on plan assets	10.0%	10.0

For measurement purposes, a 7.4% annual rate in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits was assumed for 2000 and beyond. A one-percentage-point change in assumed health care cost rates would have the following effects:

	1-Percentage Point Increase	1-Percentag Point Decrease
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Effect on total of service and interest cost components	\$ 975	(951)
Effect on postretirement benefit obligation	\$ 8,517	(7,871)

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS) Continued

Year: 1999

	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
1	Number of Company Employees:			
2	Covered by the Plan	146	134	-8.96%
3	Not Covered by the Plan			
4	Active	146	134	-8.96%
5	Retired	55	72	23.61%
6	Spouses/Dependants covered by the Plan	39	39	
7	Montana			
8	Change in Benefit Obligation	N/A	N/A	
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 Costs			
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			

Payments for Services to Persons Other Than Employees

Year: 1999

Line No.	Name of Recipient (a)	Nature of Service (b)	Total Company Cost (c)	Total State Cost (d)	Intrastate Cost (e)
1	Adecco Employment Services	Contract Labor	25,709	25,709	18,655
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3	AllTell Publishing	Advertising	95,820	95,820	71,760
4					
5	Automotive Rentals, Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	158,130	158,130	114,010
6					
7	Cable & Wireless, USA	Internet Circuits	34,757	34,757	N/A
8					
9	Flathead Janitorial	Janitorial Services	81,176	81,176	58,527
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11	Harp Line Co.	Contract Labor	84,033	84,033	60,977
12					
13	Johnson Controls, Inc	Maintenance	48,087	48,087	34,670
14					
15	Marketing Communications, Inc	Direct Mail Campaigns	56,539	56,539	42,342
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17	Midwest Telemark International	Various Campaigns	172,237	172,237	128,988
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19	One Call Locators	Contract Labor	73,603	73,603	53,409
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21	SignalTel Communications	Contract Labor	35,686	35,686	25,895
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23	3 D Communications	Contract Labor	71,685	71,685	52,017
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26	Notes: (A) Revenues and expenses were allocated using FCC Part 36 separation rules. Allocation factors are based on prior years traffic measurements (ie allocations for 1999 are based on ther 1998 traffic measurements) which are the most current factors available.				
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46	Total		937,462	937,462	661,250

Subscriber Line Usage Data

Year: 1999

Line No.	Description (a)	This Year (b)	% of Total (c)	Last Year (d)	% of Total (e)
1	Toll Usage:				
2	Interstate, InterLATA	207,745,835	66.56%	202,982,115	70.34%
3	Interstate, IntraLATA	942	0.00%	754	0.00%
4	Total Interstate Usage	207,746,777	66.56%	202,982,869	70.34%
5	Intrastate, InterLATA	40,439,363	12.96%	33,259,058	11.53%
6	Intrastate, IntraLATA	63,940,699	20.49%	52,333,926	18.14%
7	Total Intrastate Usage	104,380,062	33.44%	85,592,984	29.66%
8	Total Toll Usage	312,126,839	100.00%	288,575,853	100.00%
9	Centrex				
10	Local				
11	Total Minutes	312,126,839	100.00%	288,575,853	100.00%

Central Office and Access Line Statistics

Year: 1999

Line No.	Wire Center (a)	Type of Office (b)	Residential (c)	ISDN (d)	ADSL (e)	Lifeline Customers (f)	Residential LMS Customers (g)	Single Line Business (h)	Multi-Line Business (i)	Customer Owned Coin (j)	Company Owned Coin (k)	Other (l)	% of Lines w/ T. Tone (m)	Total Access Lines (n)
1	Kalispell	Digital	18,747	2,390		514	811	4,470	2,281	9	69	3,657	100.0%	31,623
2	Whitefish	Digital	6,310	331		110	407	1,156	354	3	24	987	100.0%	9,165
3	Columbia Falls	Digital	4,478	185		104	183	639	87	2	15	624	100.0%	6,030
4	Polson	Digital	4,048	316		111	403	800	168		17	484	100.0%	5,833
5	Bigfork	Digital	3,511	153		20	288	631	42	2	9	247	100.0%	4,595
6	Elmo	Digital	812	15		17	120	57		1	3	9	100.0%	897
7	Finley Point	Digital	585			6	104	38			1	3	100.0%	627
8	Hungry Horse	Digital	1,039	17		28	60	161	16	1	3	21	100.0%	1,258
9	Lakeside	Digital	1,332	14		7	147	148	16	2	6	80	100.0%	1,598
10	Marion	Digital	301	8		4	30	37			3		100.0%	349
11	McGregor Lake	Digital	118	5			17	19			1		100.0%	143
12	Olney	Digital	125	11		1	8	25			1		100.0%	162
13	Somers	Digital	839	11		5	43	80			3	28	100.0%	961
14	Swan Lake	Digital	201			1	30	13			2		100.0%	216
15	Yellow Bay	Digital	328	5		4	47	15			2	15	100.0%	365
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33	Total		42,774	3,461		932	2,698	8,289	2,964	20	159	6,155		63,822

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Central Office and Switch Information

Year: 1999

Line No.	Wire Center (a)	Office Configuration (Host, Remote, Stand alone) (b)	Type of Switch (c)	Switch Vendor/ Manufacturer (d)	Switch Model No. (e)	Switch Line Capacity (f)	Year Deployed (g)
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YEAR - 1999

Company Name: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyTel

Wire Center (a)	Office Configuration (Host, Remote Stand-Alone) (b)	Type of Switch (c)	Switch Vendor/ Manufacturer (d)	Switch Model No. (e)	Switch Line Capacity (f)	Year Deployed (g)
2801- Kalispell / DMA-100	Host	Digital	NTI	DMS-100	41772	1981
Airport Road / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1996
Birch Grove / RLCM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	640	1994
Buffalo Hills / RSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	RSC	2560	1985
Creston / RSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	RSC	1280	1996
Edgerton / RLCM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	1280	1987
Evergreen / RSCS	Remote	Digital	NTI	RSCS	4512	1994
Foothill Rd / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	576	1991
Foys Lake / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1990
FVCC / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	576	1990
Haywire Gulch / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	256	1996
Helena Flats / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1992
Holt Stage / RLCM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	640	1987
Kila / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1993
Lake Blaine / RLCM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	640	1994
Lost Creek / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	256	1993
Middle Road / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	256	1992
93 North / RSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	RSC	1280	1995
93 South / RSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	RSC	1280	1995
Pleasant Hills / OPAC	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPAC	640	1997
Shady Lane / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1995
Smith Valley / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1988
Tetrault / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OM	576	1991
Truman Creek / OPAC	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPAC	256	1997
Two-Mile Dr / RSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	RSC	2560	1985
West Valley / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1990
Winterhawk / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	256	1993
2802- Whitefish / DRSCS	Remote	Digital	NTI	DRSCS	13120	1989
Big Mountain / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	576	1990
Eagle Creek / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1994
Edgewood / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	256	1994
Emerald Heights / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1990
Happy Valley / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1989
Lion Mountain / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1994
Ptarmigan Village / RCLM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	640	1994
Tamarack Creek / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	256	1993
Twin Bridges / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	576	1992
Whitefish North / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1989
Wisconsin Avenue / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	576	1994
2803- Columbia Falls / DRSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	DRSC	8320	1987
Elf Park / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1992
Half Moon / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1993
Hilltop / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1995
Witty Lane / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1994
2804- Polson / DRSCS	Remote	Digital	NTI	DRSCS	8448	1993

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YEAR - 1999

Company Name: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyTel

Wire Center (a)	Office Configuration (Host, Remote Stand-Alone) (b)	Type of Switch (c)	Switch Vendor/ Manufacturer (d)	Switch Model No. (e)	Switch Line Capacity (f)	Year Deployed (g)
Bay View / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1994
Jette Lake / OPAC	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPAC	640	1995
Minesinger / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1989
Rocky Point / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1993
Turtle Lake / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1994
Woodbine / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1995
2805- Bigfork / DRSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	DRSC	7680	1985
Eagle Bend / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1994
Eastman Dr / OPAC	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPAC	640	1997
Echo Lake / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1989
Ferndale / RLCM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	1280	1991
Streeter's Corner/OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1996
Swan River / RLCM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	640	1995
Woods Bay / RSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	RSC	1312	1996
2806- Elmo / RLCM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	1856	1990
Big Arm / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	576	1991
Dayton / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	576	1992
2807- Finley Point / RLCM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	1216	1990
FNPT Peninsula/OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	576	1992
2808- Hungry Horse / RSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	RSC	2560	1989
Blankenship/RLCM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	640	1995
Coram / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1994
2809- Lakeside / RSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	RSC	2752	1990
Angel Point / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	640	1994
Shelter Bay / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	576	1992
2810- Marion / LSC-2000	DLC	Digital	DSC	LSC-2000	896	1999
2811- McGregor Lk / RLCM	DLC	Digital	NTI	RLCM	640	1995
2813- Olney / LSC-2000	DLC	Digital	DSC	LSC-2000	672	1999
2814- Somers / RSC	Remote	Digital	NTI	RSC	1856	1995
Mission View / OPM	Remote	Digital	NTI	OPM	576	1991
2815- Swan Lake / LSC-2000	DLC	Digital	NTI	LSC-2000	672	1999
2816- Yellow Bay / RLCM	Remote	Digital	NTI	RLCM	640	1989

Construction Budget - Montana

Year: 1999

Line No.	Description (a)	2000 (b)
1	Central Office Assets:	
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27	Total Switching and Central Office Projects over \$500,000	
28	Miscellaneous Central Office Projects not over \$500,000	149,534
29	Total Central Office Budget (Total of Line 27 & Line 28)	149,534
30	Other Projects over \$500,000:	
31	Routines - Outside Plant (Copper)	1,012,194
32	Constants - Drops Constant	595,121
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41	Total Other Projects over \$500,000	1,607,315
42	Miscellaneous projects not over \$500,000	2,856,427
43	Total Construction Budget (Total of Lines 29, 41 & 42)	4,613,276

Montana Employee Counts

Year: 1999

Line No.	Category (a)	Beginning of Year (b)	End of Year (c)
1	Vice President and Managers	8	10
2	Supervisors & Superintendents	10	13
3	CO Technicians	15	13
4	I&R Technicians	18	19
5	Cable Splicers	7	6
6	Engineers/Drafting	13	12
7	Facility - Line & Test Board Technicians	12	5
8	Special Apparatus Technicians	7	9
9	Frame Tech & Line Assigns	1	5
10	Commercial & General	52	44
11	Secretaries	3	5
12	Supply Technicians	3	2
13	Pay Station Collectors	1	1
14	Communication Consultants	0	1
15	LAN Administrator	1	1
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43	Totals (Sum of Lines 1 through 42)	151	146

Compensation of Top 10 Montana Based Employees

Year: 1999

Line No.	Name/Title (a)	Base Salary (b)	Bonuses (c)	Other Compensation (d)	Total Compensation (e)	Total Compensation Last Year (f)	% Increase Total Compensation (g)
1	In order to protect the privacy interests of the company's employees, this schedule has historically been submitted as confidential and subject to protective order. The company is submitting the information on Schedule 27 under separate cover subject to the protective order currently in place.						
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11	Totals (Sum L.1 to L.10)						

Compensation of Top 5 Corporate Employees - SEC Information

Line No.	Name/Title (a)	Base Salary (b)	Bonuses (c)	Other Compensation (d)	Total Compensation (e)	Total Compensation Last Year (f)	% Increase Total Compensation (g)
1	N/A						
2	Note: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. does not submit SEC information. See Schedule 27, Compensation of Top 10 Montana Based Employees.						
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6	Totals (Sum L.1 to L.5)						

Montana Composite Statistics

Year: 1999

Line No.	Account No.	Description (a)	Amount (b)
1		Plant (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted)	
2	2001	Plant in Service	80,590
3	2003 - 2004	Construction Work in Progress	380
4	2005	Plant Acquisition Adjustments	
5	2002	Plant Held for Future Use	
6	1220	Materials & Supplies	91
7		(Less):	
8	3100 - 3400	Depreciation & Amortization Reserves	(40,365)
9	4360.2	Contributions in Aid of Construction N/A	
10		NET BOOK COSTS	40,696
11		Revenues & Expenses (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted)	
12	5000 - 5300	Operating Revenues	29,933
13	6560	Depreciation & Amortization Expenses	5,157
14		Federal & State Income Taxes	4,210
15		Other Taxes	2,385
16		Other Operating Expenses	11,274
17		TOTAL Operating Expenses	23,026
18		Net Operating Income	6,907
19		Other Income N/A	
20		Other Deductions N/A	
21		NET INCOME	6,907
22		Access Lines in Service (Intrastate Only)	
23		Residential Access Lines	42,774
24		Business Access Lines	11,929
25		PBX Access Lines	2,964
26		Other Access Lines	6,155
27		Total Number of Access Lines	63,822
28		Average Number of Calls Per Access Line	
29		Local Calls	Not Available
30		Toll Calls (Intra- or Interstate)	Not Available
31		Total Number of Calls Per Access Line (Total of Line 29 & Line 30)	Not Available
32		Other Statistics (Intrastate Only)	
33		Average Residential Monthly Bill	Not Available
34		Gross Plant Investment per Access Line	1.270

Depreciation - Montana Intrastate Regulated

Year: 1999

Line No.	Acct No. (a)	Description (b)	Composite Rate % (c)	Total Expense \$ (d)
1	2112	Motor Vehicles	10.05%	129,449
2	2114	Special Purpose Vehicles	N/A	
3	2115	Garage Work Equipment	N/A	
4	2116	Other work Equipment	10.05%	59,727
5	2121	Buildings	3.04%	97,481
6	2122	Furniture	4.55%	13,355
7	2123.1	Office Support Equipment	4.55%	3,537
8	2123.2	Company Communications Equipment	23.44%	9,745
9	2124	General Purpose Computers	4.55%	102,288
10	2211	Analog Electronic Switching Equipment	N/A	
11	2212	Digital Electronic Switching Equipment	9.39%	2,335,231
12	2215	Step By Step Switching Equipment	9.39%	16,309
13	2215	Crossbar Switching Equipment	N/A	
14	2220	Operator System	N/A	
15	2231	Radio Systems	9.39%	16,735
16	2232	Circuit DDS	N/A	
17	2232	Circuit Digital	9.39%	1,670,538
18	2232	Circuit Analog	9.39%	81,151
19	2351	Public Telephone Terminating Equipment	N/A	
20	2362	Other Terminal Equipment	N/A	
21	2411	Poles	11.29%	155,321
22	2421	Aerial Cable Metallic	9.32%	720,222
23	2421	Aerial Cable Nonmetallic	9.32%	85,582
24	2422	Underground Cable Metallic	3.41%	35,256
25	2422	Underground Cable Nonmetallic	3.41%	3,881
26	2423	Buried Cable Metallic	4.43%	1,719,925
27	2423	Buried Cable Nonmetallic	4.43%	207,749
28	2424	Submarine Cable Metallic	3.30%	193
29	2424	Submarine Cable Nonmetallic	N/A	
30	2426	Intrabuilding Network Cable Metallic	9.32%	1,546
31	2426	Intrabuilding Network Cable Nonmetallic	N/A	
32	2431	Aerial Wire	9.09%	46,485
33	2441	Conduit Systems	2.37%	23,578
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35		COMPOSITE TOTAL	6.51%	7,535,284
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37	Have these rates been approved by the Commission? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
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39	If yes: Docket Number 83.9.88 Order Number: 5052			
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Montana Regulatory Capital Structure & Costs

Year: 1999

Line No.	Description (a)	% Cap. Str. (b)	% Cost Rate (c)	Weighted Cost (d)
Commission Accepted - Most Recent				
1	Docket Number 92.7.32			
2	Order Number 5638C			
3				
4	Common Equity			
5	Preferred Stock			
6	Long Term Debt			
7	Other			
8	Total			
9				
Actual at Year End				
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11				
12	Common Equity 54,912,288	99.82%	18.05%	18.01%
13	Preferred Stock 99,500	0.18%	8.91%	0.02%
14	Long Term Debt			
15	Other			
16	Total 55,011,788	100.00%		18.03%

Network Access - Charges and Revenues

Year: 1999

Line No.	Description (a)	Access Charges Paid (b)	Access Revenues Received (c)
1	Montana - Total State		18,006,847
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3	Montana - Intrastate		7,812,520
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5	Montana - Intrastate Regulated		7,809,323
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Affiliate Transactions - Products & Services Provided to Utility

Year: 1999

Line No.	Affiliate Name (a)	Products & Services (b)	Method to Determine Price (c)	Charges to Utility (d)	% Total Affil. Revenues (e)	Charges to MT Utility (f)
1	CenturyTel, Inc.	Management, Accounting, Operating and Miscellaneous Services.	See note (a) below.	409,791		409,791
2						
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4						
5	CenturyTel Service Group, Inc.	"	"	6,398,126	(Regulated)	6,403,132
6				208,050	(Nonregulated)	203,044
7						
8	CenturyTel of the Northwest, Inc.	"	"	156,357		156,357
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11	CenturyTel of North Louisiana, Inc.	"	"	1,644	(Nonregulated)	1,644
12						
13						
14	CenturyTel of Eagle, Inc.	"	"	516		516
15						
16						
17	CenturyTel of Wyoming, Inc.	"	"	1,900	(Regulated)	2,129
18				229	(Nonregulated)	
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30	TOTAL			\$7,176,613		\$7,176,613

(A) All services rendered to the regulated entities are billed at cost.

Affiliate Transactions - Products & Services Provided by Utility

Year: 1999

Line No.	Affiliate Name (a)	Products & Services (b)	Method to Determine Price (c)	Charges to Affiliate (d)	% Total Affil. Revenues (e)	Charges to MT Utility (f)
1	Century Supply Group, Inc.	Warehouse	See note (a) below.	10,203	N/A	10,203
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30	TOTAL			10,203		10,203

(A) Services are billed at cost plus markup.

Montana Intrastate Regulated Earned Rate of Return

Year: 1999

Line No.	Description Rate Base (a)	This Year (b)	Last Year (c)	Percent Change (d)
1				
2	2001 Plant in Service	77,515,678	72,559,038	6.83%
3	2002 Prop. Held for Future Telecommunications Use			
4	3100-3200 (Less) Accumulated Depreciation	(38,750,996)	(34,388,724)	-12.69%
5	Plant in Service	38,764,682	38,170,314	1.56%
6				
7	Additions			
8	1220 Materials & Supplies	88,806	240,851	-63.13%
9	1280 Prepayments			
10	Other Additions	434,238	447,107	-2.88%
11	TOTAL Additions	523,044	687,958	-23.97%
12				
13	Deductions			
14	4100 Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes	78,789	57,542	36.92%
15	4320 Unamortized Operating Investment Tax Credits			
16	4340 Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(4,626,274)	(4,356,369)	-6.20%
17	Customer Advances for Construction			
18	Other Deductions			
19	TOTAL Deductions	(4,547,485)	(4,298,827)	-5.78%
20	TOTAL Rate Base	34,740,241	34,559,445	0.52%
21				
22	Net Earnings	6,264,847	4,731,064	32.42%
23				
24	Rate of Return on Average Rate Base	18.030%	13.690%	31.70%
25				
26	Rate of Return on Average Equity	18.050%	13.700%	31.75%
27				
28	Major Normalizing Adjustments & Commission			
29	<u>Ratemaking adjustments to Utility Operations</u>			
30				
31	None			
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43	Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Rate Base			
44				
45	Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Equity			

Other Taxes Paid

Year: 1999

Line No.	Description (a)	Last Year (b)	This Year (c)
1	Montana Telephone Company License Tax	291,050	246,132
2	Montana Public Service Commission Tax	36,381	31,410
3	Montana Consumer Counsel Tax	10,465	9,708
4	911 Emergency Telephone Fee	335,840	323,538
5	Montana Telecommunications Access Service (TDD)	66,645	64,401
6	Montana Corporate License Tax	712,136	1,000,000
7	Personal Property Tax		
8	Real Property Tax	1,673,665	3,331,787
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12	Total	3,126,182	5,006,976

Company Name: CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.

Universal Service Funds Received

Year: 1999

Line No.	Description (a)	Last Year (b)	This Year (c)
13	Funds received from Montana Sources		N/A
14	Funds received from Federal Sources		638,178
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24	Total		638,178