

Embarq CORP  
Form 4  
May 19, 2006

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BLESSING WILLIAM R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5454 W 110TH STREET

(Street)

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Embarq CORP [EQ]

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

05/17/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

SVP,Corp Strategy/Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
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| (Instr. 3)                                 | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |       |     |                     |                    |                 |                                     |  |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
|                                            |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                                | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 72.44                           | 05/17/2006       | A          |                                                                  | 3,605 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 02/08/2009         | Common<br>Stock | 3,605                               |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 40.76                           | 05/17/2006       | A          |                                                                  | 511   |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 02/08/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 511                                 |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 91.36                           | 05/17/2006       | A          |                                                                  | 713   |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 02/08/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 713                                 |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 40.76                           | 05/17/2006       | A          |                                                                  | 770   |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 02/08/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 770                                 |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 91.38                           | 05/17/2006       | A          |                                                                  | 1,074 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 02/08/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 1,074                               |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 91.38                           | 05/17/2006       | A          |                                                                  | 1,399 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 08/07/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 1,399                               |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 91.38                           | 05/17/2006       | A          |                                                                  | 1,413 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 05/11/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 1,413                               |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to         | \$ 91.38                           | 05/17/2006       | A          |                                                                  | 1,547 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 05/11/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 1,547                               |  |

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| buy)                                       |          |            |   |        |            |            |                 |        |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 40.76 | 05/17/2006 | A | 1,884  | <u>(1)</u> | 05/11/2011 | Common<br>Stock | 1,884  |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 40.76 | 05/17/2006 | A | 2,062  | <u>(1)</u> | 05/11/2011 | Common<br>Stock | 2,062  |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 40.76 | 05/17/2006 | A | 2,798  | <u>(1)</u> | 08/07/2010 | Common<br>Stock | 2,798  |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 40.76 | 05/17/2006 | A | 4,304  | <u>(1)</u> | 01/24/2010 | Common<br>Stock | 4,304  |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 91.38 | 05/17/2006 | A | 5,381  | <u>(1)</u> | 05/11/2011 | Common<br>Stock | 5,381  |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 91.38 | 05/17/2006 | A | 5,650  | <u>(1)</u> | 01/24/2010 | Common<br>Stock | 5,650  |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 40.76 | 05/17/2006 | A | 5,919  | <u>(1)</u> | 01/03/2010 | Common<br>Stock | 5,919  |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 40.76 | 05/17/2006 | A | 7,533  | <u>(1)</u> | 05/11/2011 | Common<br>Stock | 7,533  |  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 91.38 | 05/17/2006 | A | 11,031 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/03/2010 | Common<br>Stock | 11,031 |  |

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|--------------------------------------------|----------|------------|---|--------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 46.09 | 05/17/2006 | A | 1,319  | <u>(1)</u> | 02/11/2012 | Common<br>Stock | 1,319  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 57.97 | 05/17/2006 | A | 18,026 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/08/2009 | Common<br>Stock | 18,026 |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 57.97 | 05/17/2006 | A | 4,040  | <u>(1)</u> | 02/08/2009 | Common<br>Stock | 4,040  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 57.97 | 05/17/2006 | A | 6,023  | <u>(1)</u> | 02/08/2009 | Common<br>Stock | 6,023  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 16.08 | 05/17/2006 | A | 2,108  | <u>(2)</u> | 03/27/2013 | Common<br>Stock | 2,108  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 21.9  | 05/17/2006 | A | 4,217  | <u>(2)</u> | 03/27/2013 | Common<br>Stock | 4,217  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 33.86 | 05/17/2006 | A | 2,757  | <u>(3)</u> | 02/10/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 2,757  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 33.34 | 05/17/2006 | A | 5,515  | <u>(3)</u> | 02/10/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 5,515  |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 49.72 | 05/17/2006 | A | 15,256 | <u>(4)</u> | 02/08/2015 | Common<br>Stock | 15,256 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| BLESSING WILLIAM R<br>5454 W 110TH STREET<br>OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211 |               |           | SVP,Corp Strategy/Development |       |

## Signatures

Tracy D. Mackey,  
Attorney-in-fact

05/19/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Option is fully vested and exercisable immediately.
- (2) Option will be fully vested on 03/27/07.
- (3) Option vests in 2 equal installments on 02/10/07 and 02/10/08.
- (4) Option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/08/06.

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