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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 5

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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Symbol

Embarq CORP [EQ]

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

5454 W 110TH STREET 05/21/2006

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** De Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec any

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) (In Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Restricted Common Stock \$0 05/21/2006 A 12,164 (1) (1) 12,164 Stock Units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BLESSING WILLIAM R 5454 W 110TH STREET OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

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Signatures

Tracy D. Mackey, Attorney-in-fact 05/23/2006

**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) Grant vests in 3 equal annual installments beginning on May 21, 2007.

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