Embarq CORP Form 4 May 09, 2006

FORM 4

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

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

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

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SPRINT NEXTEL CORP

2001 EDMUND HALLEY DRIVE

(First) (Middle) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Embarq CORP [EQ]

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

05/08/2006

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

below)

Issuer

Director

Officer (give title

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Person

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

RESTON, VA 20191

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

05/08/2006

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner _ Other (specify

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burden hours per

(A) or Amount (D)

100

Code V

J(1)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price D 0 <u>(1)</u>

D

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)

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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | isable and | 7. Title and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration Da | ite | Amount of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underlying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | Securities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | S | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | Follo |
| | · | | | | (A) or | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date | Expiration | Title Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | or | | |
| | | | | | | | | Number | | |
| | | | | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| reporting owner name, names | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SPRINT NEXTEL CORP | | | | | | | |
| 2001 EDMUND HALLEY DRIVE | | X | | | | | |
| RESTON, VA 20191 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

Sprint Nextel Corporation By: /s/ Michael T. Hyde Assistant 05/09/2006 Secretary

> **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).

On May 17, 2006, Sprint Nextel Corporation will distribute all of the shares of Embarg Corporation that it owns to its shareholders of record as of the close of business on May 8, 2006. The distribution will be made to shareholders of Sprint Nextel Corporation on a pro rata basis by means of a share dividend. On or prior to the distribution date, Embarq Corporation will recapitalize the Embarq Corporation common stock held by Sprint Nextel Corporation such that Sprint Nextel Corporation will distribute to its shareholders 1 share of Embarq Corporation common stock for every 20 shares of Sprint Nextel Corporation voting and non-voting common stock held by shareholders of Sprint Nextel Corporation on May 8, 2006.

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