

Embarq CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Meredith Leslie H

(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  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					1,102 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					229 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	by 401k
Common Stock					1,095 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Deferred Comp Plan

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/17/2006		A		259		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	259
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/17/2006		A		215		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	215
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.12	05/17/2006		A		18,916		(4)	02/09/2008	Common Stock	18,916
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 57.97	05/17/2006		A		1,737		(4)	02/08/2009	Common Stock	1,737
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 72.44	05/17/2006		A		14,786		(4)	02/08/2009	Common Stock	14,786
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A		103		(4)	02/08/2010	Common Stock	103
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A		242		(4)	02/08/2010	Common Stock	242
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A		506		(4)	05/11/2011	Common Stock	506

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NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	544	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	544
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	672	<u>(4)</u>	08/07/2010	Common Stock	672
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	1,013	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	1,013
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	1,272	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	1,272
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	1,466	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	1,466
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	1,883	<u>(4)</u>	01/24/2010	Common Stock	1,883
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	2,152	<u>(4)</u>	01/03/2010	Common Stock	2,152
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	2,394	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	2,394
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	2,690	<u>(4)</u>	08/07/2010	Common Stock	2,690
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	2,933	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	2,933
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	3,766	<u>(4)</u>	01/24/2010	Common Stock	3,766
	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	4,789	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011		4,789

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NQ Stock Option (right to buy)								Common Stock	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	8,609	<u>(4)</u>	01/03/2010	Common Stock	8,609	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.09	05/17/2006	A	1,676	<u>(4)</u>	02/11/2012	Common Stock	1,676	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006	A	1,428	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	1,428	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006	A	3,403	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	3,403	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.08	05/17/2006	A	1,109	<u>(5)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	1,109	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.9	05/17/2006	A	2,219	<u>(5)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	2,219	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.86	05/17/2006	A	2,455	<u>(6)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	2,455	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.34	05/17/2006	A	4,910	<u>(6)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	4,910	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.2	05/17/2006	A	5,759	<u>(7)</u>	02/08/2015	Common Stock	5,759	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Meredith Leslie H  
5454 W 110TH STREET  
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

Treasurer

## 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) Includes shares distributed to the reporting person in connection with a pro-rata distribution of the issuer's shares to the stockholders of Sprint Nextel Corporation.
- (2) Units vest and shares will be delivered to reporting person on 02/10/07.
- (3) Units vest and shares will be delivered to reporting person on 02/08/08.
- (4) Option is fully vested and exercisable immediately.
- (5) Option vests in two equal installments on 03/27/07 and 03/27/08.
- (6) Option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/10/05.
- (7) Option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/08/06.

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