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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BETTS GENE M**

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Embarq CORP [EQ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) 5454 W. 110TH ST 05/17/2006

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

(Middle)

Chief Financial Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

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

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

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

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

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

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) any

7. Title and Amount of 8

Underlying Securities

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 124.68	05/17/2006		A	6,951	<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2009	Common Stock	6,951
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 72.44	05/17/2006		A	21,524	<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2009	Common Stock	21,524
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	8,071	<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2010	Common Stock	8,071
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.75	05/17/2006		A	32,286	<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2010	Common Stock	32,286
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	7,264	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2010	Common Stock	7,264
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006		A	14,528	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2010	Common Stock	14,528
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	344	<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	344
NQ Stock Option (right to	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	627	<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	627

buy)								
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	1,809	<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	1,809
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	3,292	<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	3,292
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	2,017	<u>(1)</u>	08/07/2010	Common Stock	2,017
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	8,071	<u>(1)</u>	08/07/2010	Common Stock	8,071
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	1,686	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	1,686
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	3,372	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	3,372
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	3,555	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	3,555
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	7,111	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	7,111
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	8,071	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	8,071

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NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	16,143	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	16,143
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.09	05/17/2006	A	3,983	<u>(1)</u>	02/11/2012	Common Stock	3,983
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006	A	7,533	(1)	02/19/2012	Common Stock	7,533
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.08	05/17/2006	A	3,363	(2)	03/27/2013	Common Stock	3,363
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.9	05/17/2006	A	6,726	(2)	03/27/2013	Common Stock	6,726
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.86	05/17/2006	A	7,398	(3)	02/10/2014	Common Stock	7,398
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.34	05/17/2006	A	7,398	<u>(5)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	7,398
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.72	05/17/2006	A	20,743	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2015	Common Stock	20,743
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.06	05/17/2006	A	6,385	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	6,385

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BETTS GENE M 5454 W. 110TH ST OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

Chief Financial Officer

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 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/10/05.
- (4) Option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/08/06.
- (5) Option vests in two equal installments on 02/10/07 and 02/10/08.

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