

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 \*  
**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  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Corp Strategy/Development

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) Price			
Common Stock					4,783 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					125 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401k

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		589		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	589
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/17/2006		A		534		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	534
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/17/2006		A		406		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	406
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.33	05/17/2006		A		5,381		(5)	05/29/2007	Common Stock	5,381
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.12	05/17/2006		A		8,132		(5)	02/09/2008	Common Stock	8,132
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.12	05/17/2006		A		12,107		(5)	02/09/2008	Common Stock	12,107
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 136.6	05/17/2006		A		5,799		(5)	05/29/2007	Common Stock	5,799
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 136.6	05/17/2006		A		2,372		(5)	02/09/2008	Common Stock	2,372
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 136.6	05/17/2006		A		2,678		(5)	08/12/2006	Common Stock	2,678

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NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 136.6	05/17/2006	A	7,720	<u>(5)</u>	02/09/2008	Common Stock	7,720
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 187.35	05/17/2006	A	493	<u>(5)</u>	05/29/2007	Common Stock	493
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 187.35	05/17/2006	A	539	<u>(5)</u>	02/09/2008	Common Stock	539
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 187.35	05/17/2006	A	1,245	<u>(5)</u>	08/12/2006	Common Stock	1,245
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 187.35	05/17/2006	A	1,555	<u>(5)</u>	02/09/2008	Common Stock	1,555
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 220.33	05/17/2006	A	410	<u>(5)</u>	08/12/2006	Common Stock	410
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 99.43	05/17/2006	A	2,081	<u>(5)</u>	05/29/2007	Common Stock	2,081
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 220.33	05/17/2006	A	530	<u>(5)</u>	02/09/2008	Common Stock	530
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 220.33	05/17/2006	A	1,061	<u>(5)</u>	02/09/2008	Common Stock	1,061
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 220.33	05/17/2006	A	1,069	<u>(5)</u>	02/09/2008	Common Stock	1,069
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 74.58	05/17/2006	A	805	<u>(5)</u>	05/29/2007	Common Stock	805
	\$ 220.33	05/17/2006	A	486	<u>(5)</u>	05/29/2007		486

								Common Stock	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)									
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 99.43	05/17/2006	A	2,590	(5)	05/29/2007	Common Stock	2,590	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 72.44	05/17/2006	A	58	(5)	02/08/2009	Common Stock	58	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 72.44	05/17/2006	A	1,032	(5)	02/08/2009	Common Stock	1,032	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 124.68	05/17/2006	A	1,180	(5)	02/08/2009	Common Stock	1,180	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 187.35	05/17/2006	A	3,272	(5)	02/08/2009	Common Stock	3,272	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLESSING WILLIAM R 5454 W 110TH STREET 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) 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.

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(4) Units vest and shares will be delivered to reporting person on 02/10/08.

(5) Option is fully vested and exercisable immediately.

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