

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 \*  
**BETTS GENE M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5454 W. 110TH ST  
(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)  
Chief Financial Officer

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

| 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                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 72 (5)  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 95 (5)  | I  | By 401K                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 22 (5)  | 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                   |       | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-------|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |       | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 05/17/2006                           |  | A                              | 787  |       | (1)  | (1)             | Common Stock  | 787                        |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 05/17/2006                           |  | A                              | 726  |       | (2)  | (2)             | Common Stock  | 726                        |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 05/17/2006                           |  | A                              | 552  |       | (3)  | (3)             | Common Stock  | 552                        |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy)             | \$ 58.53   | 05/17/2006                           |  | A                              |  | 3,829 | (4)  | 02/11/2007      | Common Stock  | 3,829                      |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy)             | \$ 62.3  | 05/17/2006                           |  | A                              |  | 1,726 | (4)  | 02/11/2007      | Common Stock  | 1,726                      |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy)             | \$ 62.3  | 05/17/2006                           |  | A                              |  | 3,488 | (4)  | 02/11/2007      | Common Stock  | 3,488                      |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy)             | \$ 77.16   | 05/17/2006                           |  | A                              |  | 1,998 | (4)  | 02/11/2007      | Common Stock  | 1,998                      |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy)             | \$ 74.6  | 05/17/2006                           |  | A                              |  | 2,161 | (4)  | 02/11/2007      | Common Stock  | 2,161                      |
| NQ Stock Option                            | \$ 187.35  | 05/17/2006                           |  | A                              |  | 1,655 | (4)  | 02/11/2007      | Common Stock  | 1,655                      |

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|                                |           |            |   |        |     |            |              |        |  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|---|--------|-----|------------|--------------|--------|--|
| (right to buy)                 |           |            |   |        |     |            |              |        |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 124.68 | 05/17/2006 | A | 8,007  | (4) | 02/11/2007 | Common Stock | 8,007  |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 186.42 | 05/17/2006 | A | 384    | (4) | 02/11/2007 | Common Stock | 384    |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 119.98 | 05/17/2006 | A | 1,875  | (4) | 02/11/2007 | Common Stock | 1,875  |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 220.93 | 05/17/2006 | A | 379    | (4) | 02/11/2007 | Common Stock | 379    |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 99.43  | 05/17/2006 | A | 1,973  | (4) | 02/11/2007 | Common Stock | 1,973  |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 77.16  | 05/17/2006 | A | 11,640 | (4) | 02/09/2008 | Common Stock | 11,640 |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 186.42 | 05/17/2006 | A | 719    | (4) | 02/09/2008 | Common Stock | 719    |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 119.98 | 05/17/2006 | A | 3,711  | (4) | 02/09/2008 | Common Stock | 3,711  |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 220.93 | 05/17/2006 | A | 1,220  | (4) | 02/09/2008 | Common Stock | 1,220  |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 220.93 | 05/17/2006 | A | 1,414  | (4) | 02/09/2008 | Common Stock | 1,414  |  |
| NQ Stock Option (right to      | \$ 99.43  | 05/17/2006 | A | 6,819  | (4) | 02/09/2008 | Common Stock | 6,819  |  |

buy)

NQ Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 99.43

05/17/2006

A

7,902

(4)

02/09/2008

Common  
Stock

7,902

NQ Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 186.42

05/17/2006

A

858

(4)

02/08/2009

Common  
Stock

858

NQ Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 220.93

05/17/2006

A

926

(4)

02/08/2009

Common  
Stock

926

NQ Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 187.35

05/17/2006

A

1,596

(4)

02/08/2009

Common  
Stock

1,596

NQ Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 220.93

05/17/2006

A

2,472

(4)

02/08/2009

Common  
Stock

2,472

NQ Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 99.43

05/17/2006

A

4,613

(4)

02/08/2009

Common  
Stock

4,613

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| BETTS GENE M<br>5454 W. 110TH ST<br>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) Units vest and shares will be delivered to reporting person on 02/10/07.

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

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- (3) Units vest and shares will be delivered to reporting person on 02/10/08.
- (4) Option is fully vested and exercisable immediately.
- (5) 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.

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