

Embarq CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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)  
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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

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	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)	8. D
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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	(A)	(D)	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	

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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	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	7,533
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.08	05/17/2006	A	3,363	<u>(2)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	3,363
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.9	05/17/2006	A	6,726	<u>(2)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	6,726
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.86	05/17/2006	A	7,398	<u>(3)</u>	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

## 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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