**Embarq CORP** Form 4 May 19, 2006

### FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Holland E J Jr

Symbol Embarq CORP [EQ]

(Middle)

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

5454 W. 110TH STREET

(Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2006

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

**SVP-Human Resources** 

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

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 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) 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 Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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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)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	1,866	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2001	Common Stock	1,866
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	3,094	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2001	Common Stock	3,094
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006		A	3,733	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2001	Common Stock	3,733
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006		A	6,188	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2001	Common Stock	6,188
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006		A	1,940	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	1,940
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.11	05/17/2006		A	3,881	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	3,881
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006		A	5,165	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	5,165
NQ Stock Option (right to	\$ 24.11	05/17/2006		A	10,331	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	10,331

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buy)								
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.08	05/17/2006	A	5,475	(2)	03/27/2013	Common Stock	5,475
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.9	05/17/2006	A	10,950	(2)	03/27/2013	Common Stock	10,950
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.37	05/17/2006	A	2,192	(2)	03/27/2013	Common Stock	2,192
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.88	05/17/2006	A	4,385	(2)	03/27/2013	Common Stock	4,385
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.86	05/17/2006	A	4,661	(3)	02/10/2014	Common Stock	4,661
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.34	05/17/2006	A	9,322	(3)	02/10/2014	Common Stock	9,322
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.2	05/17/2006	A	12,287	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2015	Common Stock	12,287

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Holland E J Jr							
5454 W. 110TH STREET			SVP-Human Resources				
OVERLAND PARK KS 66211							

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#### **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 vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 03/24/04.
- (3) Option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/10/05.
- (4) Option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/08/06.

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