

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 \*  
GERKE THOMAS A

(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  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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)
			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)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A		1,883		<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2010	Common Stock	1,883
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A		544		<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	544
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A		1,272		<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	1,272
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A		103		<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	103
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A		242		<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	242
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A		2,690		<u>(1)</u>	08/07/2010	Common Stock	2,690
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A		672		<u>(1)</u>	08/07/2010	Common Stock	672
NQ Stock Option (right to	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A		2,578		<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	2,578

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buy)									
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	4,711	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	4,711	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	10,762	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	10,762	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	1,289	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	1,289	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	2,355	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	2,355	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	4,977	<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	4,977	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.82	05/17/2006	A	6,889	<u>(1)</u>	02/11/2012	Common Stock	6,889	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.09	05/17/2006	A	2,638	<u>(1)</u>	02/11/2012	Common Stock	2,638	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.11	05/17/2006	A	3,712	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	3,712	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006	A	4,426	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	4,426	

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NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006	A	7,425	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	7,425
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 48.1	05/17/2006	A	2,654	<u>(2)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	2,654
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 48.1	05/17/2006	A	2,850	<u>(2)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	2,850
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.37	05/17/2006	A	10,869	<u>(3)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	10,869
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.08	05/17/2006	A	4,600	<u>(3)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	4,600
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.88	05/17/2006	A	21,739	<u>(3)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	21,739
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.9	05/17/2006	A	9,201	<u>(3)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	9,201
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.28	05/17/2006	A	3,757	<u>(4)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	3,757
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 48.1	05/17/2006	A	6,645	<u>(2)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	6,645
	\$ 33.34	05/17/2006	A	33,900	<u>(5)</u>	02/10/2014		33,900

NQ Stock Option (right to buy)								Common Stock	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.86	05/17/2006	A	16,950	<u>(5)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	16,950	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.72	05/17/2006	A	49,292	<u>(6)</u>	02/08/2015	Common Stock	49,292	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GERKE THOMAS A 5454 W 110TH STREET OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211			General Counsel	

## 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 full on 08/25/06.
- (3) Option vests in two equal installments on 03/27/07 and 03/27/08.
- (4) Option vests in full on 10/27/06.
- (5) Option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/10/05.
- (6) Option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/08/06.

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