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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GERKE THOMAS A** Issuer Symbol Embarq CORP [EQ] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 5454 W 110TH STREET 07/01/2009 below) President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | ole I - Non- | Derivative Secur | ities A | cquire | d, Disposed of, o | 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 Accordisposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | • | (A) or | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 07/01/2009 | | D | 64,038.7818 (1) | D | \$0 | 0 | D | |

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)

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| 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of ctionDerivative Securities 8) 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 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 74,792 (2) | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 74,792 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 11,021 (3) | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 11,021 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 45,080 (4) | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 45,080 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 91.38 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 2,152 (5) | <u>(5)</u> | 01/03/2010 | Common Stock | 2,152 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 91.38 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 1,883 (6) | <u>(6)</u> | 01/24/2010 | Common Stock | 1,883 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 91.38 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 345 (7) | <u>(7)</u> | 02/08/2010 | Common Stock | 345 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 91.38 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 8,621 (8) | <u>(8)</u> | 05/11/2011 | Common Stock | 8,621 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 46.09 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 2,638 (9) | <u>(9)</u> | 02/11/2012 | Common Stock | 2,638 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 48.1 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 2,654 (10) | (10) | 02/19/2012 | Common Stock | 2,654 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 48.1 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 9,495 (11) | <u>(11)</u> | 03/27/2013 | Common Stock | 9,495 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 33.86 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 4,237 (12) | (12) | 02/10/2014 | Common Stock | 4,237 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 33.34 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 8,474 (13) | (13) | 02/10/2014 | Common Stock | 8,474 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 49.72 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 49,292 (14) | (14) | 02/08/2015 | Common Stock | 49,292 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 45.06 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 69,565 (15) | (15) | 02/07/2016 | Common Stock | 69,565 |
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 56.43 | 07/01/2009 | | D | | 36,069 (16) | (16) | 02/22/2017 | Common Stock | 36,069 |

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| NQ Stock Option | \$ 41.94 | 07/01/2009 | D | 95,338 (17) | (17) | 03/02/2018 | Common Stock | 95,338 |
|--------------------|----------|------------|---|----------------|------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| NQ Stock Option | \$ 91.38 | 07/01/2009 | D | 672 (18) | (18) | 08/07/2010 | Common Stock | 672 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| GERKE THOMAS A | | | | | | | | |
| 5454 W 110TH STREET | X | | President & CEO | | | | | |
| OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211 | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

Kay Buchart, 07/06/2009 attorney-in-fact

**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) Exchanged for 87,732 shares of CenturyTel common stock plus cash in lieu of 1.1311 shares in two separate accounts.
- This restricted stock unit award, which provided for vesting in 3 equal annual installments beginning February 27,2010, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into a CenturyTel restricted stock unit award for 102,466 units with the same vesting schedule.
- A performance adjustment to these RSUs was approved at the time of merger closing, based on certain Embarq performance metrics through July 1, 2009. The actual achievement of performance goals for this grant was 200%, which was prorated as provided for in the merger agreement. The unvested portion of this restricted stock unit award, which provided for vesting in two equal annual installments beginning February 22, 2009, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into a CenturyTel restricted
- installments beginning February 22, 2009, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into a CenturyTel restricted stock unit award for 27,677 units with the same remaining vesting schedule, but with no further performance adjustment.

 A performance adjustment to these RSUs was approved at the time of merger closing, based on certain Embarq performance metrics
- through July 1, 2009. The actual achievement of performance goals for this grant was 138%, which was prorated as provided for in the merger agreement. The unvested portion of this restricted stock unit award, which provided for vesting in full on March 2, 2011, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into a CenturyTel restricted stock unit award for 73,494 units with the same remaining vesting schedule, but with no further performance adjustment.
- This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 2,948 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$66.71 per share.
- This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 2,579 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$66.71 per share.
- This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 472 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$66.71 per share.
- This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 11,809 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$66.71 per share.
- (9) This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 3,614 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$33.65 per share.
- (10) This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 3,635 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$35.11 per share.

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- (11) This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 13,007 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$35.11 per share.
- This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 5,804 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$24.72 per share.
- This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 11,609 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$24.34 per share.
- This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 67,530 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$36.30 per share.
- This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 95,304 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$32.90 per share.
- This option, which provided for vesting in 3 equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2008, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 49,414 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$41.19 per share with the same remaining vesting schedule.
- This option, which provided for vesting in 3 equal annual installments beginning on March 2, 2009, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 130,613 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$30.62 per share with the same remaining vesting schedule.
- (18) This option, which is fully vested, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into an option to purchase 920 shares of CenturyTel common stock for \$66.71 per share.

Remarks:

Each share of Embarq common stock was exchanged for 1.37 shares of CenturyTel, Inc. common stock on July 1, 2009 pursual Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.