Embarq CORP

| Form 3 May 03, 2006 | | | | | | | | |
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| | FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 | | | | | OMB 3235-0104 | | |
| | Filed | pursuant 17(a) of | STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES nt to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5 | |
| (Print or Type Respo | onses) | | | | | | | |
| Person * | Name and Address of Reporting son <u>*</u> SPRINT NEXTEL CORP | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Syn Embarq CORP [EQ] | | | Symbol | |
| (Last) (F | First) (| Middle) | 05/03/2006 | 4. Relationsh Person(s) to I | \ T T | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | |
| 2001 EDMUND HALLEY DRIVE | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
| ^{(Si} RESTON, VA | treet) AÂ 20191 | | | Director Officer (give title below | Other | r Fili ow) <u>X</u> Pers | ndividual or Joint/Group ing(Check Applicable Line) _ Form filed by One Reporting son . Form filed by More than One porting Person | |
| (City) (S | tate) | (Zip) | Table I - I | Non-Derivat | tive Securiti | ies Benefi | icially Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature Ownershij (Instr. 5) | of Indirect Beneficial p | |
| Common Stock | | | 100 | | D | Â | | |
| Reminder: Report of owned directly or in | directly. Persons informat required | who resp tion conta I to respo | ch class of securities benefic bond to the collection of lined in this form are no nd unless the form disp | t | EC 1473 (7-02 | 2) | | |
| | currenti | y valiu Ul | IB control number. | | | | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | 3. Title and Amount of | 4. | 5. | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| (Instr. 4) | Expiration Date | Securities Underlying | Conversion | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | Derivative Security | or Exercise | Form of | (Instr. 5) |
| | | (Instr. 4) | Price of | Derivative | |
| | | Title | Derivative | Security: | |
| | | | Security | Direct (D) | |

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| Date | Expiration | Amount or | or Indirect |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Exercisable | Date | Number of | (I) |
| | | Shares | (Instr. 5) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | | | | |
|--|----------|-----------|---------|-------|------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| SPRINT NEXTEL CORP 2001 EDMUND HALLEY DRIVE RESTON, VA 20191 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| Signatures | | | | | |
| Sprint Nextel Corporation By: /s/ Michael T. Hyde Assistant Secretary | | | | | 05/03/2006 |

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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