

Embarq CORP  
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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 \*  
Holland E J Jr

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

SVP-Human Resources

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) Price			
Common Stock					1,865 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					99 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By 401k

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 (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/17/2006		A	495	(1) (1)	Common Stock	495
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/17/2006		A	460	(2) (2)	Common Stock	460
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 57.97	05/17/2006		A	615	(3) 02/08/2009	Common Stock	615
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 57.97	05/17/2006		A	1,345	(3) 02/08/2009	Common Stock	1,345
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 72.44	05/17/2006		A	2,186	(3) 02/08/2009	Common Stock	2,186
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 72.44	05/17/2006		A	5,381	(3) 02/08/2009	Common Stock	5,381
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	1,345	(3) 01/03/2010	Common Stock	1,345
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006		A	5,381	(3) 01/03/2010	Common Stock	5,381
NQ Stock	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	1,210	(3) 01/24/2010	Common	1,210

								Stock	
Option (right to buy)									
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	2,421	(3)	01/24/2010	Common Stock	2,421	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	185	(3)	02/08/2010	Common Stock	185	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	970	(3)	02/08/2010	Common Stock	970	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	807	(3)	08/07/2010	Common Stock	807	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	3,228	(3)	08/07/2010	Common Stock	3,228	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	569	(3)	05/11/2011	Common Stock	569	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	1,138	(3)	05/11/2011	Common Stock	1,138	

## Reporting Owners

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

## 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) Units vest and shares will be delivered to reporting person on 02/10/07.

(2) Units vest and shares will be delivered to reporting person on 02/08/08.

(3) Option is fully vested and exercisable immediately.

(4) Includes shares distributed to the reporting person in connection with a pro-rata distribution of the issuer's shares to the stockholders of Sprint Nextel Corporation.

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