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

### FORM 4

#### **OMB APPROVAL**

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Meredith Leslie H			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Embarq CORP [EQ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
5454 W 110TH	I STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2006	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Treasurer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
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(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price	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					1,102 (1)	D	
Common Stock					229 (1)	I	by 401k
Common Stock					1,095 (1)	I	By Deferred Comp Plan

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/17/2006		A	259	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	259
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/17/2006		A	215	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	215
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.12	05/17/2006		A	18,916	<u>(4)</u>	02/09/2008	Common Stock	18,916
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 57.97	05/17/2006		A	1,737	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2009	Common Stock	1,737
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 72.44	05/17/2006		A	14,786	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2009	Common Stock	14,786
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	103	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	103
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	242	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	242
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006		A	506	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	506

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NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	544	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	544
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	672	<u>(4)</u>	08/07/2010	Common Stock	672
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	1,013	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	1,013
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	1,272	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	1,272
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	1,466	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	1,466
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	1,883	<u>(4)</u>	01/24/2010	Common Stock	1,883
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	2,152	<u>(4)</u>	01/03/2010	Common Stock	2,152
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A	2,394	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	2,394
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	2,690	<u>(4)</u>	08/07/2010	Common Stock	2,690
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	2,933	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	2,933
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	3,766	<u>(4)</u>	01/24/2010	Common Stock	3,766
	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	4,789	<u>(4)</u>	05/11/2011		4,789

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NQ Stock Option (right to buy)							Common Stock	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	8,609	<u>(4)</u>	01/03/2010	Common Stock	8,609
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.09	05/17/2006	A	1,676	<u>(4)</u>	02/11/2012	Common Stock	1,676
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006	A	1,428	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	1,428
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006	A	3,403	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	3,403
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.08	05/17/2006	A	1,109	<u>(5)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	1,109
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.9	05/17/2006	A	2,219	<u>(5)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	2,219
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.86	05/17/2006	A	2,455	<u>(6)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	2,455
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.34	05/17/2006	A	4,910	<u>(6)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	4,910
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.2	05/17/2006	A	5,759	<u>(7)</u>	02/08/2015	Common Stock	5,759

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Reporting Owners 4

Meredith Leslie H 5454 W 110TH STREET OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

Treasurer

### **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) 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.
- (2) Units vest and shares will be delivered to reporting person on 02/10/07.
- (3) Units vest and shares will be delivered to reporting person on 02/08/08.
- (4) Option is fully vested and exercisable immediately.
- (5) Option vests in two equal installments on 03/27/07 and 03/27/08.
- (6) Option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/10/05.
- (7) Option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 02/08/06.

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