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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Embarq CORP [EQ] BETTS GENE M (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 5454 W. 110TH ST (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) **OVERLAND** Form filed by More than One Chief Financial Officer PARK, KSÂ 66211 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â No securities beneficially owned Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		xpiration Date		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	,	Amount or Number of	Price of Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BETTS GENE M 5454 W. 110TH ST OVERLAND PARK, KSÂ 66211

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} Chief Financial Officer \hat{A}

Signatures

Tracy D. Mackey, attorney-in-fact 05/03/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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