

Embarq CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Cheek William E

(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)

President - Wholesale Markets

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Derivative Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A		2,152		<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2010	Common Stock	2,152
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A		544		<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	544
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A		1,272		<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	1,272
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 91.38	05/17/2006	A		1,910		<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	1,910
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A		2,959		<u>(1)</u>	08/07/2010	Common Stock	2,959
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A		3,520		<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	3,520
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A		4,304		<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2010	Common Stock	4,304
NQ Stock	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A		5,757		<u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011	Common Stock	5,757

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Option (right to buy)									
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.76	05/17/2006	A	8,609	<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2010	Common Stock	8,609	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.82	05/17/2006	A	885	<u>(1)</u>	02/11/2012	Common Stock	885	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.09	05/17/2006	A	2,091	<u>(1)</u>	02/11/2012	Common Stock	2,091	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006	A	1,779	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	1,779	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.08	05/17/2006	A	4,735	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2012	Common Stock	4,735	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.08	05/17/2006	A	1,244	<u>(2)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	1,244	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.9	05/17/2006	A	2,488	<u>(2)</u>	03/27/2013	Common Stock	2,488	
NQ Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.86	05/17/2006	A	1,271	<u>(3)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	1,271	
NQ Stock Option	\$ 33.34	05/17/2006	A	2,542	<u>(3)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	2,542	

