

Holland E J Jr
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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 *
 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)
 02/18/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

SVP-HR & Communications

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

___X___ 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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. Price of Underlying 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 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/18/2009 | A | 1,525 <u>(1)</u> | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 1,525 |

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-HR & Communications | |

Signatures

Tracy D. Mackey,
attorney-in-fact
02/20/2009
**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).
- RSUs were granted as a result of a performance adjustment to the RSUs awarded on February 22, 2007 based upon Embarq's
- (1) achievement level of 151.5% of the specified financial objectives as approved by Embarq's Compensation Committee on February 18, 2009.
 - (2) These additional RSUs vest and underlying shares will be delivered to reporting person on February 22, 2009, in accordance with the terms of the original grant.

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