Embarq CORP Form 4 February 11, 2008

#### FORM 4

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1(b).

Common

Stock

02/08/2008

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GERKE THOMAS A |          |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>Embarq CORP [EQ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)                      |  |  |  |
|--|----------|----------|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last)   | (First)  | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction   | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |  |
| 5454 W 110TH STREET                                      |          |          | (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/07/2008  | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify                                       |  |  |  |
|  |          |          |   | below) below) Interim President & CEO   |  |  |  |
|  | (Street) |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check   |  |  |  |
| OVEDI AND  | DADV VC  | 66011    | Filed(Month/Day/Year)   | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting |  |  |  |
| OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211                                  |          |          |   | Person  |  |  |  |

#### (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Form: Direct Beneficial Code Beneficially (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common $M^{(1)}$ \$0 02/07/2008 15,997 A 24,598.7818 D Stock Common $F^{(2)}$ 02/07/2008 5,032 D 19,656.7818 D Stock Common $M^{(1)}$ \$0 02/08/2008 3,039 D A 22,695.7818 Stock

956

D

21,739.7818

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $F^{(2)}$ 

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | orDeri<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>or D<br>(D)<br>(Inst | 5. Number of definition of the |                     | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                | (A)  | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date  | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0  | 02/07/2008                              |   | M                                     |  | 15,997   | (3)                 | (3)   | Common<br>Stock | 15,997                              |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0  | 02/08/2008                              |   | M                                     |  | 3,039  | <u>(4)</u>          | <u>(4)</u>  | Common<br>Stock | 3,039                               |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |             |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|--|--|--|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer     | Other |  |  |  |
| GERKE THOMAS A                 |               |           | Interim     |       |  |  |  |
| 5454 W 110TH STREET            |               |           | President & |       |  |  |  |
| OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211        |               |           | CEO         |       |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

Tracy D. Mackey, attorney-in-fact 02/11/2008

\*\*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) Upon vesting of restricted stock units, an equivalent number of shares of Embarq common stock were delivered to the reporting person.
- (2) Represents shares withheld by Embarq Corporation to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements upon vesting of restricted stock units.
- Original RSUs were granted on July 28, 2006 and, pursuant to the terms of the award, RSUs were increased due to a performance (3) adjustment on February 21, 2007. The vesting on February 7, 2008 represents the first of two equal annual installments of shares underlying the total number of RSUs, as adjusted, delivered to reporting person.

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(4) Granted on May 18, 2006 in connection with the spin-off from Sprint Nextel. Units vested and shares were delivered to reporting person on February 8, 2008.

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