**Embarq CORP** Form 4 December 21, 2007

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **GERKE THOMAS A** 

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

5454 W 110TH STREET

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Embarq CORP [EQ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/19/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Interim President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Street)

3. Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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Security

(Instr. 3)

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

(A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) (In Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Restricted Common Stock \$0 12/19/2007 A 12,987 (1) (1) 12,987 Stock Units

## **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 12/21/2007

\*\*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) Units vest and shares will be delivered to reporting person on 12/19/08.

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