

GEPHARDT Richard A  
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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 \*  
 GEPHARDT Richard A

(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)  
 07/01/2009

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/01/2009                           |  | D                              |   | 1,879<br>(1)  | D  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 0 0  |  |                                   |

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)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 07/01/2009                           |  | D                              | 2,395<br>(2)  | (2) (2)  | Common Stock  | 2,395   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GEPHARDT Richard A<br>5454 W 110TH STREET<br>OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Kay Buchart,  
attorney-in-fact

07/06/2009

\*\*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).
- (1) Pursuant to the merger agreement with CenturyTel, Inc. these shares were exchanged for 2,574 shares of CenturyTel common stock plus cash in lieu of 0.230 shares.
- (2) This restricted stock unit award, which provided for vesting in full on April 30, 2010, was assumed by CenturyTel, Inc. in the merger and converted into a CenturyTel restricted stock unit award for 3,282 units with the same vesting schedule.

### Remarks:

Each share of Embarq common stock was exchanged for 1.37 shares of CenturyTel, Inc. common stock on July 1, 2009 pursuant to the merger agreement.

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