

Johnson Robert L  
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**FORM 4**

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**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 \*  
Johnson Robert L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6200 SPRINT PARKWAY

(Street)

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/16/2010

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)  
Chief Service Officer

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | A                              |   | 106,371 <sup>(2)</sup>  | A  | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>               |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 344,716 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  |                                   |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |       |                  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title | Am<br>Nur<br>Sha |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 3.45  | 03/16/2010                           |  | A                              | 116,364   | (4)<br>03/16/2020  | Common Stock  | 11    |                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Johnson Robert L<br>6200 SPRINT PARKWAY<br>OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251 |               |           | Chief Service Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Stefan K. Schnopp  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/18/2010

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) These restricted stock units are issued under Sprint Nextel's 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Each unit represents the right to receive one share of the underlying security at a date in the future.  
These restricted stock units are subject to performance-based vesting conditions based on the company's actual results compared to financial objectives established under the long-term incentive compensation plan, and vest 100% on March 16, 2013, subject to achievement of the performance-based vesting conditions.
- (3) Includes 147,661 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.
- (4) These options become exercisable at the rate of 25% of the number of shares granted on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date.

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