SPRINT NEXTEL CORP

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **COWAN KEITH O**

(First)

(Street)

(State)

03/26/2008(1)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

03/26/2008

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

President, Strategic Planning 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

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

Issuer

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251

6200 SPRINT PARKWAY

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following

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

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

(1)

Code V Amount (D) 161,290 \$0 Α

 $331,822 \frac{(3)}{}$

Reported

Common Stock

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)

(2)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) on Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
	Security			Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nui Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.52	03/26/2008		A	256,674	<u>(4)</u>	03/26/2018	Common Stock	25

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
COWAN KEITH O			President,				
6200 SPRINT PARKWAY			Strategic				
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251			Planning				

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Signatures

1 Title of

/s/ Timothy P. O'Grady Attorney-in-Fact 03/28/2008

**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) 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.
- (2) These restricted stock units vest 100% on February 11, 2011.
- (3) Includes 331,822 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.
- (4) These stock options vest ratably in equal amounts on February 11, 2009, February 11, 2010 and February 11, 2011.

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