

Elfman Steven Lawrence  
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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 \*  
 Elfman Steven Lawrence

(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)  
 05/04/2008

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)

President-Network Operations

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 or Price (A) or (D)  |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/04/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | A                              |   | 96,774<br><u>(2)</u>  | A  | \$ 0<br><u>(1)</u> 96,774 D                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/04/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | A                              |   | 129,032<br><u>(3)</u>   | A  | \$ 0<br><u>(1)</u> 225,806 <sup>(4)</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)

| 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        | Amo<br>Nur<br>Sha |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 7.89  | 05/04/2008                           |  | A                              | 154,004   | <u>(5)</u>   | 05/04/2018  | Common Stock | 15                |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 9.47  | 05/04/2008                           |  | A                              | 435,730   | <u>(6)</u>   | 05/04/2018  | Common Stock | 43                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Elfman Steven Lawrence<br>6200 SPRINT PARKWAY<br>OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251 |               |           | President-Network Operations |       |

## Signatures

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

05/06/2008

\*\*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 share 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) These restricted stock units vest 100% on May 4, 2010.
- (4) Includes 225,806 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.
- (5) These stock options vest ratably in equal amounts on February 11, 2009, February 11, 2010 and February 11, 2011.
- (6) These stock options vest 100% on May 4, 2010.

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