

Nielsen Steven M  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Nielsen Steven M                        |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 05/10/2007   |  |
| 2001 EDMUND HALLEY DRIVE                  |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| RESTON,Â VAÂ 20191                        |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | Chief Service Officer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 126,564 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 2,937   | I  | by IRA  |
| Common Stock                    | 3,340   | I  | by issuer's 401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>                     |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|--|--|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
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|   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Derivative Security (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (3)            | 02/27/2017      | Common Stock                            | 104,839                    | \$ 18.78                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)  | Â (4)            | 03/27/2013      | Common Stock                            | 54,775                     | \$ 10.76                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)  | Â (4)            | 03/27/2013      | Common Stock                            | 27,387                     | \$ 7.9                                   | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)  | Â (5)            | 02/10/2014      | Common Stock                            | 36,152                     | \$ 16.38                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)  | Â (5)            | 02/10/2014      | Common Stock                            | 18,076                     | \$ 16.64                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)  | Â (6)            | 02/08/2015      | Common Stock                            | 42,232                     | \$ 24.42                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)  | Â (7)            | 02/07/2016      | Common Stock                            | 62,356                     | \$ 20.72                                 | D  | Â                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Nielsen Steven M<br>2001 EDMUND HALLEY DRIVE<br>RESTON, VA 20191 | Â             | Â         | Â Chief Service Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Richard Montfort  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/21/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes 78,759 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.
- (2) Represents units representing ownership interests in the stock fund of the issuer under the Sprint Nextel 401(k) plan.
- (3) These options were granted on February 27, 2007 and become exercisable at the rate of 33 1/3% of the number of shares granted on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
- (4) These options were granted on March 27, 2003 and are fully vested.
- (5) These options were granted on February 10, 2004 and 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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- (6) These options were granted on February 8, 2005 and become exercisable at the rate of 25% of the number of shares granted on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date.
- (7) These options were granted on February 7, 2006 and become exercisable at the rate of 33 1/3 of the number of shares granted on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.

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