

SPRINT NEXTEL CORP
 Form 4
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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 *
 Hockaday Irvine O Jr

(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)
 12/31/2008

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)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Securities Acquired (A)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			or Disposed of		Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			(D)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								
Share Unit DSP	\$ 0	12/31/2008	A	14,055					(1)	(1)	Common Stock	14,055 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hockaday Irvine O Jr 6200 SPRINT PARKWAY OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251	X			

Signatures

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

01/05/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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These shares were issued under Section 9 of the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan, which permits non-employee directors of Sprint Nextel to

- (1) elect to purchase shares of Sprint Nextel common stock in lieu of receiving all or part of their annual retainer, meeting fees, and committee meeting fees in cash.

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