SPRINT NEXTEL CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ARENDT WILLIAM G | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S] | | | ıg | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|--|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--------|--|--|--|---|
| (Last) | (First) (| (Middle) | 3. Date of | f Earliest T | ransaction | | | (Chec | ж ан аррисаоте | •) |
| 2001 EDM | UND HALLEY I | DRIVE | (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2006 | | | | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specibelow) Controller | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Ame | ndment, D | ate Original | l | | 6. Individual or Jo | oint/Group Filin | g(Check |
| RESTON, VA 20191 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non-l | Derivative : | Securi | ties Acqu | iired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year) | Execution any | med n Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4 | sposed | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | | M | 1,000 | A | \$ 11.75 | 47,702 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | | M | 326 | A | \$ 6.65 | 48,028 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | | M | 651 | A | \$ 8.24 | 48,679 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | | M | 2,117 | A | \$ 3.86 | 50,796 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | | M | 6,635 | A | \$ 4.12 | 57,431 | D | |

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| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | M | 2,844 | A | \$ 9.47 | 60,275 | D |
|-----------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------------|------------|---|
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | M | 1,138 | A | \$ 11.53 | 61,413 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | M | 1,137 | A | \$ 14.87 | 62,550 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | M | 5,687 | A | \$ 17.79 | 68,237 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | M | 3,465 | A | \$ 17.84 | 71,702 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 25,000 | D | \$ 24.91 | 46,702 (1) | 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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | \$ 11.75 | 03/08/2006 | | M | 1,000 | (2) | 02/18/2009 | Common Stock | 1,00 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | \$ 6.65 | 03/08/2006 | | M | 326 | (2) | 09/28/2011 | Common Stock | 326 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | \$ 8.24 | 03/08/2006 | | M | 651 | (2) | 11/30/2011 | Common Stock | 651 |

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| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | \$ 3.86 | 03/08/2006 | M | 2,117 | (2) | 02/13/2012 | Common Stock | 2,11 |
|---|----------|------------|---|-------|-----|------------|-----------------|------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | \$ 4.12 | 03/08/2006 | M | 6,635 | (3) | 04/23/2012 | Common Stock | 6,63 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | \$ 9.47 | 03/08/2006 | M | 2,844 | (3) | 02/13/2013 | Common Stock | 2,84 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | \$ 11.53 | 03/08/2006 | M | 1,138 | (3) | 05/30/2013 | Common Stock | 1,13 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | \$ 14.87 | 03/08/2006 | M | 1,137 | (3) | 08/29/2013 | Common Stock | 1,13 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | \$ 17.79 | 03/08/2006 | M | 5,687 | (3) | 05/28/2014 | Common Stock | 5,68 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | \$ 17.84 | 03/08/2006 | M | 3,465 | (3) | 08/31/2014 | Common Stock | 3,46 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| ARENDT WILLIAM G | | | Controller | | |
| 2001 EDMUND HALLEY DRIVE RESTON, VA 20191 | | | Controller | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Richard Montfort | 03/10/2006 | |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| Attorney-in-Fact | 03/10/200 | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | |

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- ** 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 10 share units, which are subject to forfeiturue until they vest.
- (2) Options fully vested.
- (3) Vesting of options take place over four years on a monthly basis from the date of grant.

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