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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â LeFave Richard T | | (Month/Day/Year) | SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 08/12/2005 | |
| 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 |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | Chief Information Officer | |

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 | 71,789 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | D | Â |

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/17/2010 | Common Stock | 130,000 | \$ 47.64 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 09/28/2011 | Common Stock | 814 | \$ 6.65 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 11/30/2011 | Common Stock | 1,355 | \$ 8.24 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁶⁾ | 02/13/2012 | Common Stock | 10,167 | \$ 3.86 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 04/23/2012 | Common Stock | 24,378 | \$ 4.12 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/13/2013 | Common Stock | 20,584 | \$ 9.47 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 05/30/2013 | Common Stock | 6,501 | \$ 11.53 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 08/29/2013 | Common Stock | 7,314 | \$ 14.87 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 11/28/2013 | Common Stock | 8,939 | \$ 19.48 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/11/2014 | Common Stock | 91,000 | \$ 21.03 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 05/28/2014 | Common Stock | 10,564 | \$ 17.79 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 08/31/2014 | Common Stock | 11,376 | \$ 17.84 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 11/30/2014 | Common Stock | 11,376 | \$ 21.89 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/24/2015 | Common Stock | 91,000 | \$ 22.62 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) ⁽³⁾ | Â ⁽⁴⁾ | 07/27/2011 | Common Stock | 1,355 | \$ 13.35 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LeFave Richard T 2001 EDMUND HALLEY DRIVE RESTON, VA 20191 | Â | Â | Â Chief Information Officer | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Richard Montfort
Attorney-in-Fact

08/15/2005

__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).

The shares of series 1 common stock were acquired pursuant to the merger agreement between Nextel Communications, Inc. and Sprint Corporation, which provides for the conversion of each outstanding share of Nextel class A common stock into approximately 1.2675

- (1) shares of Sprint Nextel common stock and cash equal to the product of the cash ratio of 0.0325 and the average of the per share closing prices of shares of Sprint series 1 common stock during the 20 trading day period on the New York Stock Exchange ending on (and including) the August 12, 2005, the closing date of the merger, and each deferred share into 1.3 deferred shares of Sprint Nextel.
- (2) Includes 15,200 deferred shares, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.

This option was assumed by Sprint Nextel in the merger and replaced with an option to purchase shares of Sprint Nextel common stock, with the number of shares issuable under the options and exercise prices for those options adjusted based on an exchange ratio of 1.3 to 1 with no change to the aggregate exercise price.

- (4) Options fully vested.
- (5) Vesting of options takes place over four years on a monthly basis from the date of grant.
- (6) 25% of options vested immediately and the remaining 75% vest monthly over four years from the date of grant.

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