

Elfman Steven Lawrence
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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 *
 Elfman Steven Lawrence

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 6200 SPRINT PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

President-Network Operations

(Street)
 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A	(A) or (D) Price 435,268 (1)	\$ 0 (2)	1,335,054 (3)	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)

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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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.23	02/22/2012		A	565,217	(4) 02/22/2022	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Stefan K. Schnopp
Attorney-in-Fact

02/24/2012

**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).
- These restricted stock units are subject to performance-based vesting conditions based on the company's actual results compared to
- (1) financial objectives established under the long-term incentive compensation plan, and vest 100% on February 22, 2015, subject to achievement of the performance-based vesting conditions.
 - (2) These restricted stock 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.
 - (3) Includes 904,170 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.
 - (4) These options 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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