

Wunsch Charles R
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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)

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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 | |
| Wunsch Charles R | | (Month/Day/Year) | SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 10/13/2008 | | |
| 6200 SPRINT PARKWAY | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) General Counsel & Corp Secy | |
| OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <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 | 41,648 ⁽¹⁾ | D | ^ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of | Derivative Security | Security: | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---|--------------|------------|--------------|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(2)</u> | 02/27/2017 | Common Stock | 26,613 | \$ 18.78 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(3)</u> | 03/26/2018 | Common Stock | 16,940 | \$ 6.52 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(4)</u> | 02/08/2009 | Common Stock | 971 | \$ 61.25 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(4)</u> | 12/08/2008 | Common Stock | 492 | \$ 92.03 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(4)</u> | 02/08/2009 | Common Stock | 1,395 | \$ 92.03 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u> | 01/03/2010 | Common Stock | 10,955 | \$ 20.02 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u> | 08/07/2010 | Common Stock | 1,096 | \$ 20.02 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u> | 02/08/2010 | Common Stock | 376 | \$ 44.89 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u> | 08/07/2010 | Common Stock | 1,095 | \$ 44.89 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u> | 01/03/2010 | Common Stock | 2,738 | \$ 44.89 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u> | 01/24/2010 | Common Stock | 2,464 | \$ 44.89 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(6)</u> | 02/08/2015 | Common Stock | 11,725 | \$ 22.2 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â <u>(7)</u> | 02/07/2016 | Common Stock | 23,056 | \$ 20.72 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â <u>(8)</u> | 02/08/2009 | Common Stock | 2,410 | \$ 35.59 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â <u>(8)</u> | 02/08/2009 | Common Stock | 218 | \$ 35.59 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â <u>(8)</u> | 02/08/2009 | Common Stock | 9,037 | \$ 28.47 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â <u>(8)</u> | 02/08/2009 | Common Stock | 6,364 | \$ 28.47 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u> | 05/11/2011 | Common Stock | 1,999 | \$ 20.02 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u> | 05/11/2011 | Common Stock | 3,998 | \$ 44.89 | D | Â |
| | Â <u>(5)</u> | 05/11/2011 | | 2,322 | \$ 44.89 | D | Â |

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| Option Type | Grant Date | Common Stock | Price | Exercise | Other |
|--|------------|--------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | 02/11/2012 | 2,601 | \$ 22.64 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | 02/19/2012 | 2,820 | \$ 11.84 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | 02/19/2012 | 2,819 | \$ 16.25 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | 03/27/2013 | 8,215 | \$ 10.76 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | 03/27/2013 | 2,708 | \$ 7.9 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | 02/10/2014 | 9,092 | \$ 16.38 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | 02/10/2014 | 4,546 | \$ 16.64 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wunsch Charles R 6200 SPRINT PARKWAY OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251 | | | General Counsel & Corp Secy | |

Signatures

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

10/22/2008

**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 38,683 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.
- (2) These options were granted on February 27, 2007 and vest ratably on February 27, 2008, February 27, 2009 and February 27, 2010.
- (3) These options were granted on March 26, 2008 and vest ratably in equal amounts on February 11, 2009, February 11, 2010 and February 11, 2011.
- (4) These options were granted on December 31, 1999 and are fully vested.
- (5) These options were granted on May 11, 2001 and are fully vested.
- (6) These options were granted on February 8, 2005 and vest ratably on February 8, 2006, February 8, 2007, February 8, 2008 and February 8, 2009.
- (7) These options were granted on February 7, 2006 and vest ratably on February 7, 2007, February 7, 2008 and February 7, 2009.
- (8) These options were granted on February 8, 1999 and are fully vested.

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- (9) These options were granted on February 11, 2002 and are fully vested.
- (10) These options were granted on February 19, 2002 and are fully vested.
- (11) These options were granted on March 27, 2003 and are fully vested.
- (12) These options were granted on February 10, 2004 and are fully vested.

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