

Carter Matthew Jr  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Carter Matthew Jr		(Month/Day/Year)	SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/11/2010	
6200 SPRINT PARKWAY			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
OVERLAND PARK,Â KSÂ 66251			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			President-4G	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<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	177,569 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

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	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	02/27/2017	Common Stock	45,161	\$ 18.78	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	03/26/2018	Common Stock	28,747	\$ 6.52	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	02/25/2019	Common Stock	165,278	\$ 3.59	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carter Matthew Jr 6200 SPRINT PARKWAY OVERLAND PARK,Â KSÂ 66251	Â	Â	Â President-4G	Â

## Signatures

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

01/20/2010

\_\_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 177,569 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.
- (2) These options were granted on February 27, 2007 and become exercisable at the rate of 1/3 of the number of shares granted on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
- (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 February 25, 2009 and become exercisable at the rate of 25% of the number of shares granted on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date.

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