Elfman Steven Lawrence
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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Elfman Steven Lawrence

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6200 SPRINT PARKWAY

(Street)

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/04/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President-Network Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/04/2008(1)		A		96,774 (2)	A	$ 0 (1)	96,774	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2008(1)		A		129,032 (3)	A	$ 0 (1)	225,806 (4)	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. 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 Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 7.89	05/04/2008		A		154,004		(5)	05/04/2018	Common Stock	15
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 9.47	05/04/2008		A		435,730		(6)	05/04/2018	Common Stock	43

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/ Timothy P. O'Grady Attorney-in-Fact	05/06/2008
**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).

(1) These share 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.

(2) These restricted stock units vest 100% on February 11, 2011.

(3) These restricted stock units vest 100% on May 4, 2010.

(4) Includes 225,806 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.

(5) These stock options vest ratably in equal amounts on February 11, 2009, February 11, 2010 and February 11, 2011.

(6) These stock options vest 100% on May 4, 2010.

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