

Wunsch Charles R  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Wunsch Charles R                          |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 10/13/2008   |  |
| 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, KS 66251                   |         |                                      | <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  |
|   |         |                                      | General Counsel & Corp Secy  |  |

**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 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | 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 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)<br>(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 |

| Option Type                              |        | Date       | Common Stock | Quantity | Price    | Exercise |   |
|--|--------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) |        |            | Common Stock |          |          |          |   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â (9)  | 02/11/2012 | Common Stock | 2,601    | \$ 22.64 | D        | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â (10) | 02/19/2012 | Common Stock | 2,820    | \$ 11.84 | D        | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â (10) | 02/19/2012 | Common Stock | 2,819    | \$ 16.25 | D        | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â (11) | 03/27/2013 | Common Stock | 8,215    | \$ 10.76 | D        | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â (11) | 03/27/2013 | Common Stock | 2,708    | \$ 7.9   | D        | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â (12) | 02/10/2014 | Common Stock | 9,092    | \$ 16.38 | D        | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy) | Â (12) | 02/10/2014 | Common Stock | 4,546    | \$ 16.64 | D        | Â |

## Reporting Owners

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

## 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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