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> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 9, 2009

SPRINT NEXTEL CORPORATION (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Kansas1-0472148-0457967(State of Incorporation)(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas66251(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (800) 829-0965

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

On November 6, 2009, the Board of Directors of Sprint Nextel Corporation (the "Company"), in response to the decline in revenues and profitability during 2009 from post-paid subscriber losses in prior periods, approved actions to continue to reduce operating costs through a workforce reduction with a target of about 2,000 to 2,500 positions, which is expected to reduce internal and external labor costs by at least \$350 million on an annualized basis. The workforce reduction is expected to be largely completed by the end of the fourth quarter and will include management and non-management positions throughout the Company.

The Company expects to recognize a charge of approximately \$60 million to \$80 million in the fourth quarter of 2009 for severance and related costs. The severance and related costs are primarily determined based on an existing severance plan. The majority of the above estimated charge is expected to result in cash expenditures during 2010.

A copy of the press release announcing these actions is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished with this report:

Exhibit No. Description 99.1 Press Release Announcing Labor Cost Reduction, dated November 9, 2009.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SPRINT NEXTEL CORPORATION

Date: November 9, 2009

/s/ Timothy O.Grady By: Timothy O'Grady Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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