SPRINT NEXTEL CORP
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 *
WHITWORTH RALPH V

(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)
05/13/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

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	05/13/2008(1)		A		14,815 (2)	A	$ 0 (1)	17,041 (3)	D	
Common Stock								53,076,834 (4) (5)	I	Through Limited Partnerships and Accounts Managed by Reporting Person

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITWORTH RALPH V 6200 SPRINT PARKWAY OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251	X			

Signatures

/s/ Timothy P. O'Grady Attorney-in-Fact	05/15/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(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 the date of the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

(3) Includes 14,815 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.

(4) The reporting person is a Principal of Relational Investors, LLC (RILLC). RILLC is the record holder of 100 shares and is the sole general partner of Relational Investors, L.P., Relational Fund Partners, L.P., Relational Coast Partners, L.P., Relational Partners, L.P., RH Fund 1, L.P., RH Fund 2, L.P., RH Fund 4, L.P., RH Fund 6, L.P., RH Fund 7, L.P., Relational Investors VIII, L.P., Relational Investors IX, L.P., Relational Investors XI, L.P., Relational Investors XV, L.P., Relational Investors XVI, L.P., Relational Investors XXII, L.P. and the sole managing member of Relational Asset Management LLC and Relational Investors X GP LLC, which serve as the sole general partners of Relational Investors III, L.P. and Relational Investors X, L.P., respectively.

(5)

These Limited Partnerships own a total of 46,691,732 shares. An additional 6,385,002 shares are held in accounts managed by Relational Investors, LLC. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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