

Carter Matthew Jr
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

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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