

SPRINT NEXTEL CORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LeFave Richard T  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
2001 EDMUND HALLEY DRIVE  
  
(Street)  
  
RESTON, VA 20191  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S]  
  
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/16/2006  
  
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Information Officer  
  
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/16/2006		M	271 A \$ 17.84	23,229	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2006		M	1,454 A \$ 3.86	24,683	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2006		M	2,709 A \$ 4.12	27,392	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2006		M	1,083 A \$ 9.47	28,475	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2006		M	271 A \$ 11.53	28,746	D	

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Common Stock	02/16/2006	M	271	A	\$ 17.79	29,017	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	M	271	A	\$ 14.87	29,288	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S	6,330	D	\$ 24.455	22,958 <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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 3.86	02/16/2006		M	1,454	<u>(2)</u>	02/13/2012	Common Stock	1,454
Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 4.12	02/16/2006		M	2,709	<u>(3)</u>	04/23/2012	Common Stock	2,709
Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 9.47	02/16/2006		M	1,083	<u>(3)</u>	02/13/2013	Common Stock	1,083
Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 11.53	02/16/2006		M	271	<u>(3)</u>	05/30/2013	Common Stock	271
Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 14.87	02/16/2006		M	271	<u>(3)</u>	08/29/2013	Common Stock	271

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Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 17.79	02/16/2006	M	271	(3)	05/28/2014	Common Stock	271
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Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 17.84	02/16/2006	M	271	(3)	08/31/2014	Common Stock	271
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LeFave Richard T 2001 EDMUND HALLEY DRIVE RESTON, VA 20191			Chief Information Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Richard Montfort Attorney-in-Fact	02/17/2006
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\*\*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) Includes 15,610 share units or deferred shares, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.
- (2) Options fully vested.
- (3) Vesting of options take place over four years on a monthly basis from the date of grant.

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