

SPRINT NEXTEL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
03/16/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Chief Information Officer

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	03/16/2006		M		2,708	A	\$ 4.12
Common Stock	03/16/2006		M		1,083	A	\$ 9.47
Common Stock	03/16/2006		M		271	A	\$ 11.53
Common Stock	03/16/2006		M		270	A	\$ 14.87
Common Stock	03/16/2006		M		271	A	\$ 17.79

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Common Stock	03/16/2006	M	270	A	\$ 17.84	27,831	D
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	4,873	D	\$ 25.7714	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 Security (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)	\$ 4.12	03/16/2006		M	2,708	<sup>(2)</sup> 04/23/2012	Common Stock	2,708
Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 9.47	03/16/2006		M	1,083	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/13/2013	Common Stock	1,083
Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 11.53	03/16/2006		M	271	<sup>(2)</sup> 05/30/2013	Common Stock	271
Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 14.87	03/16/2006		M	270	<sup>(2)</sup> 08/29/2013	Common Stock	270
Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 17.79	03/16/2006		M	271	<sup>(2)</sup> 05/28/2014	Common Stock	271
	\$ 17.84	03/16/2006		M	270	<sup>(2)</sup> 08/31/2014		270

Non-Qualified  
Stock  
Option(right to  
buy)

Common  
Stock

## 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

03/17/2006

\_\_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) Vesting of options take place over four years on a monthly basis from the date of grant.

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