#### SPRINT NEXTEL CORP

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* NILSSON SVEN CHRISTER

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X\_ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

6200 SPRINT PARKWAY

(Month/Day/Year)

11/10/2008

Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(1)

Person

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) Code anv (Month/Day/Year)

Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Amount (D)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Price \$0

10,144 Common 11/10/2008(1) A (2) Stock

10,144 (3) 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)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	ĺ		Expiration Date	Title Amour or Numbe of Shares	er	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NILSSON SVEN CHRISTER 6200 SPRINT PARKWAY OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251	X						

## **Signatures**

/s/ Stefan K. Schnopp Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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) These restricted stock 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 10,144 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.

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