Alves Paget Leonard Form 4 March 18, 2010

## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Alves Paget Leonard Issuer Symbol SPRINT NEXTEL CORP [S] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_Other (specify 6200 SPRINT PARKWAY 03/16/2010 below) President-Business Markets (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251 Person

|   | (City)                    | (State) (Z                           | Zip) Table  | I - Non-Do                              | erivative S  | ecurit           | ies Acq     | uired, Disposed o  | f, or Beneficial   | ly Owned  |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| S | Title of ecurity nstr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  |             | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |                           |                                      |   | Code V                                  | Amount   | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price       | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                   |  |   |
|   | ommon<br>tock             | 03/16/2010(1)                        |   | A                                       | 93,490<br>(2)  | A                | \$ 0<br>(1) | 327,244 (3)  | D  |   |
|   | ommon<br>tock             |                                      |   |   |  |                  |             | 157 <u>(4)</u>   | I  | by 401(k)   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amou<br>Underlying Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Am<br>Nui<br>Sha |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 3.45   | 03/16/2010                           |   | A                                      | 102,273   | <u>(5)</u>   | 03/16/2020         | Common<br>Stock   | 10               |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Alves Paget Leonard 6200 SPRINT PARKWAY OVERLAND PARK, KS 66251

President-Business Markets

## **Signatures**

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

03/18/2010

\*\*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).
- 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.
  - These restricted stock units are subject to performance-based vesting conditions based on the company's actual results compared to
- (2) financial objectives established under the long-term incentive compensation plan, and vest 100% on March 16, 2013, subject to achievement of the performance-based vesting conditions.
- (3) Includes 129,780 restricted stock units, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest.
- (4) Represents units representing ownership interests in the stock fund of the issuer under the Sprint Nextel 401(k) plan.
- (5) These options 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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