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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On March 23, 2009, Irvine O. Hockaday, Jr. notified Sprint Nextel Corporation (the "Company") that he has decided not to stand for re-election at the next annual meeting of stockholders to be held May 12, 2009. His decision is not as the result of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SPRINT NEXTEL CORPORATION

Date: March 27, 2009

/s/ Charles R. Wunsch

By: Charles R. Wunsch
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary