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FORM 4

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

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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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ryder James C

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Issuer

NEXTEL PARTNERS INC [NXTP]

(Check all applicable)

4500 CARILLON POINT

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

01/27/2005

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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Person

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

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

(A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date Number Shares **Employee** Stock Class A **Options** \$ 20.1 01/27/2005 160,000 (1) 01/27/2015 Common A 160,00 (Right to Stock Buy) (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ryder James C

4500 CARILLON POINT VP Sales and Marketing

KIRKLAND, WA 98033

Signatures

Suzanne Roen, Attorney-in-Fact for James C

Ryder 01/31/2005

**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) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on 1/27/2006.

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