

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

CORA E. BENNETT, Individually and On  
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

*Plaintiff,*

vs.

SPRINT NEXTEL CORPORATION, et al.,

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No. 2:09-cv-02122-EFM-KMH

CLASS ACTION

ORDER APPOINTING LEAD PLAINTIFFS  
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This is a securities class action governed by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act (“PSLRA”). On May 11, 2009, two groups of investors submitted competing motions for appointment as lead plaintiff under the PSLRA: the Sprint Institutional Investor Group<sup>1</sup> and the West Virginia Investment Management Board (“West Virginia Investment”) (collectively “Movants”). No other putative class member moved for appointment as lead plaintiff.

On May 26, 2009, Movants submitted a Stipulation requesting that the Court jointly appoint them to serve as lead plaintiff. *See* Stipulation [Doc. #22]. The proposed lead plaintiff group is identified as the “Institutional Investor Group” and it is comprised of PIUMPF, Skandia, and West Virginia Investment. Movants’ Stipulation also sets forth a proposed structure for its counsel.

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<sup>1</sup> The Sprint Institutional Investor Group consists of PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Fund (“PIUMPF”) and Skandia Life Insurance Company (“Skandia”).

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth in Movants' Stipulation, the following is hereby ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a), any other actions previously or subsequently filed, removed or transferred that are brought on behalf of purchasers of Sprint securities and related to the claims asserted in the above-captioned action are hereby consolidated for all purposes;

2. The Institutional Investor Group is appointed to serve as Lead Plaintiff in the above-captioned action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B);

3. The law firms of Motley Rice LLC and Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP are hereby appointed as Co-Lead Counsel. Stueve Siegel Hanson LLP is appointed Liaison Counsel for the class;

4. This Order shall apply to this action and to each case that relates to the same subject matter that is subsequently filed in this Court or is transferred to this Court and consolidated with this action; and

5. The previously-filed motions for appointment as lead plaintiff submitted by Movants [Docs. 10 and 13] are hereby denied as moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: June 5, 2009

S/ Karen M. Humphreys

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KAREN M. HUMPHREYS  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE