

SEALE DONALD W  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SEALE DONALD W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP  
[NSC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE

(Street)

NORFOLK, VA 23510

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/23/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec. V.P.-Sales & Mktg.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/23/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		21,891	D	\$ 45
Common Stock	12/27/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		21,891	A	\$ 32.1563
Common Stock	12/23/2005		M		3,109	A	\$ 32.1563
Common Stock	12/23/2005		F		2,231	D	\$ 44.815
Common Stock	12/23/2005		M		3,611	A	\$ 27.6875

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Common Stock	12/23/2005	F	2,231	D	\$ 44.815	85,914	D	
Common Stock						8,462 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (granted 1998)	\$ 32.1563	12/23/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	21,891 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/02/1999	02/01/2008	Common Stock	21,891
Option (granted 1998)	\$ 32.1563	12/23/2005		M <sup>(3)</sup>	3,109 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/02/1999	02/01/2008	Common Stock	3,109
Option (granted 1999)	\$ 27.6875	12/23/2005		M <sup>(3)</sup>	3,611 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/01/2000	01/31/2009	Common Stock	3,611

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SEALE DONALD W THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE NORFOLK, VA 23510			Exec. V.P.-Sales & Mktg.	

## Signatures

D. M. Martin, via P.O.A. for D. W. Seale  
12/27/2005

\_\_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) Transaction pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan entered into by the Reporting Person on August 8, 2005.

Represents the approximate number of whole shares of Common Stock estimated -- on the basis of the unit accounting system used by the Plan Administrator -- as of December 23, 2005, to have been credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Thrift and Investment Plan (TIP), a trustee 401(k) plan. In accordance with TIP's terms applicable to all participants, acquisitions were made at various times and at various prices.

(3) Reflects exercise and resulting cancellation of stock option, in a single transaction, exempt under Rule 16b-3. The stock option was granted under the Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan).

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