

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP
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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RATHBONE JOHN P

(Last) (First) (Middle)
THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE
 (Street)

NORFOLK, VA 23510

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive V.P.- Administration

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/27/2009		M		10,000	A	Ⓛ
Common Stock	01/27/2009		D		10,000	D	\$ 36.57
Common Stock	01/29/2009		A ⁽²⁾		8,720	A	Ⓛ
Common Stock							9,041 ⁽³⁾
						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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Option (right to buy) granted 2009	\$ 38.705	01/29/2009		<u>A</u> ⁽⁴⁾	37,000	01/29/2013			01/28/2019	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/27/2009 ⁽¹⁾		<u>M</u> ⁽¹⁾	10,000 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>			<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	01/29/2009		<u>A</u> ⁽⁵⁾	9,900 <u>(5)</u>	01/29/2014 ⁽⁵⁾			01/29/2014 ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RATHBONE JOHN P THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE NORFOLK, VA 23510			Executive V.P.- Administration	

Signatures

H. D. McFadden, via P.O.A. for John P. Rathbone
Date: 02/02/2009

 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) Reports cash payment to the reporting person for restricted stock units, under the terms of the Norfolk Southern Corporation Restricted Stock Unit Plan, exempt under Section 16(b), based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on January 27, 2009.

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- (2) Represents shares earned by the reporting person under the formula-based performance share feature of the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan).

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 January 29, 2009 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.

- (4) Reports the grant to the reporting person of an option to purchase 37,000 shares of common stock under the Norfolk Southern Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan).

- (5) Reports the number of Restricted Stock Units, exempt under Section 16(b), granted and credited to the account of the reporting person on January 29, 2009, under the terms of the Norfolk Southern Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Common Stock. These Units ultimately will be satisfied in Common Stock on January 29, 2014.

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