

RATHBONE JOHN P
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FORM 4

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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

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec. VP-Administration

NORFOLK, VA 23510

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	01/26/2012		A ⁽¹⁾	24,013 A \$	124,202	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2012		F	9,492 D 75.14	114,710	D	
Common Stock					9,708.6841 ⁽²⁾	I	By 401(k)

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)

Table with 7 main columns: 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4). Rows include Option (right to buy) granted 2012 and Restricted Stock Units.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Relationship categories include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Entry for RATHBONE JOHN P, THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE, NORFOLK, VA 23510 with relationship Exec. VP-Administration.

Signatures

H. D. McFadden, via P.O.A. for John P. Rathbone, 01/30/2012. Legend: __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) 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).
(2) 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 26, 2012, to have been credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Thrift and Investment Plan (TIP), a trusteeed 401(k) plan. In accordance with TIP's terms applicable to all participants, acquisitions were made at various times and at various prices.
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Reports the grant to the reporting person of an option to purchase shares of common stock under the Norfolk Southern Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan).

- (4) Reports the number of Restricted Stock Units, exempt under Section 16(b), granted and credited to the account of the reporting person on January 26, 2012 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 26, 2017.

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