

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP  
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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 \*  
 LIGHT HENRY D

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)  
 12/15/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President - Law

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/15/2004		G	V 1,870 D <u>(1)</u>	30,521	D	
Common Stock					8,089 <u>(2)</u>	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					16 <u>(3)</u>	I	Wife, Angelica Light
Common Stock					990 <u>(3)</u>	I	Wife, Angelica Light (IRA)

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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 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities. Includes sub-columns for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Title Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry: LIGHT HENRY D, THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE, NORFOLK, VA 23510, Senior Vice President - Law.

Signatures

D. M. Martin, via P.O.A. for Henry D. Light, 12/22/2004. \*\*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 gift by the Reporting Person.
(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 December 15, 2004, 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.
(3) Held by wife, Angelica Light. The inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be construed as an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares.

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