

BOWLES ERSKINE B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BOWLES ERSKINE B**

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)  
**6725 OLD PROVIDENCE ROAD**  
(Street)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**CHARLOTTE, NC 28226**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	3,055.1127 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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)**

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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)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	01/26/2012		A(2)	2,055 (2)	(2)      (2)	Common Stock	2,055

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOWLES ERSKINE B 6725 OLD PROVIDENCE ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28226	X			

## Signatures

H. D. McFadden via POA for Erskine B.  
Bowles

01/27/2012

\*\*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) Includes 55.1127 shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person as a result of participating in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) 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, specified under the terms of an award agreement under 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 settled in Common Stock of Norfolk Southern Corporation following such Eligible Director's termination of service or death.

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