

RATHBONE JOHN P
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**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 *
 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)
 01/25/2012

____ 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)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/25/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	7,000 A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	102,494	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2012		F	2,306 D \$ 73.9025	100,189	D	
Common Stock					9,909.9561 ⁽²⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	01/25/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	7,000	01/25/2012 ⁽¹⁾ 01/25/2012 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock 7,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

H. D. McFadden, via P.O.A. for John P. Rathbone
Date: 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) Represents shares earned by the reporting person that were originally granted as restricted stock units on January 25, 2007, under 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 25, 2012, 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.

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