# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

March 31, 2000 (March 1, 2000)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION (exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia 1-8339 52-1188014
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-9241 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (757) 629-2680

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{No}}$  Change (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

#### Item 5. Other Events.

Registrant today advised that it expects to record a \$100 million charge in the first quarter to reflect the cost of certain workforce reductions, as more particularly outlined in the attached press release.

## Item 7.(c) Exhibits

99 Copy of the press release issued by Registrant on March 31, 2000.

## Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION (Registrant)

## By: /s/ Dezora M. Martin Dezora M. Martin Corporate Secretary

Date: April 3, 2000

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Copy of press released issued by Registrant on March 31, 2000. 99

April 3, 2000

Norfolk Southern To Record Workforce Reduction Charge

NORFOLK, VA - Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) said it will record a one-time workforce reduction charge in first quarter 2000, currently estimated to be \$100 million, equal to approximately 16 cents per diluted share, to recognize the cost of its voluntary early retirement program and other adjustments that more nearly match workforce size to business needs.

Of 1,180 eligible non-union employees, 919 participated in the early retirement program. Benefits under the program will be paid principally from the over-funded portion of the Corporation's pension plan.

Norfolk Southern Corporation, a Virginia-based holding company with headquarters in Norfolk, owns a major freight railroad, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, which operates approximately 21,800 miles of road in 22 states, the District of Columbia and the Province of Ontario.

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