

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (D)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
July 14, 1999 (July 13, 1999)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia	1-8339	52-1188014
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Three Commercial Place
Norfolk, Virginia 23510-2191
(Address of principal executive offices)

(757) 629-2600
(Registrant's telephone number)

No Change
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events.

In a press release issued July 13, 1999 (attached hereto as Exhibit 99), registrant advised that its preliminary calculations indicate that earnings per share for the second quarter (the period ended June 30, 1999) will be below the analysts' consensus.

Item 7(c). Exhibits.

No. 99	Copy of press release issued by registrant on July 13, 1999
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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

(signature)
Dezora M. Martin
Corporate Secretary

Date: July 14, 1999

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit
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System

Description

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 13, 1999

NORFOLK SOUTHERN SECOND QUARTER EPS
WILL FALL BELOW ANALYSTS' CONSENSUS

NORFOLK, VA -- Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) today announced that its earnings per share for the second quarter of 1999 likely will be in the range of 18 cents to 22 cents.

This reflects pressures on revenues and higher-than-anticipated expenses related to the integration of the Conrail properties being operated by Norfolk Southern's railroad subsidiary. As previously disclosed, the higher expenses include labor costs, equipment rents and service alteration costs to meet the immediate needs of shippers.

Norfolk Southern does not forecast earnings or other results, and this announcement does not signal a change in its policy. Norfolk Southern will report earnings and other results at its regular meeting with analysts in New York City on July 28.

"The Corporation's preliminary calculation of its second-quarter earnings was completed earlier today. Because of the exceptionally wide variance between the consensus estimates and our preliminary calculation, we believe it is in the best interests of the broad constituencies interested in the Conrail transaction to make this information available now," said Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer David R. Goode.

"While we are encouraged by improvements in our service to customers and in our railway operations, integration-related pressures on railway operating revenues and higher operating expenses are likely to continue at least through the third quarter," Goode added. "As we have repeatedly said, we will do what is required to realize the benefits of this transaction for our customers and our stockholders.

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"We regard these integration expenses as investments in the service opportunities and long-term operating advantages of our expanded rail network," Goode said.

Statements contained in this news release which are not related to historical facts are forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties (contained in the Corporation's SEC filings) which could cause actual results to differ.

Norfolk Southern Corporation, a Virginia-based holding company with headquarters in Norfolk, owns a major freight railroad, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, which operates approximately 21,600 miles of road in 22 states, the District of Columbia and the Province of Ontario.

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