

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):

October 2, 2000 (September 29, 2000)

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

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

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

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

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On Friday, September 29, 2000, the last business day of its third quarter, the Registrant issued a Press Release, attached hereto as an exhibit,

- (i) advising of the sales of certain timber interests; and
- (ii) indicating the anticipated range of earnings per share for the third quarter and the contribution to such earnings of the timber interest sales.

Item 7.(c) Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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SIGNATURES

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

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Dezora M. Martin
Name: Dezora M. Martin
Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: October 2, 2000

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 29, 2000

NORFOLK SOUTHERN ANNOUNCES TIMBER RIGHTS SALE
AND LIKELY THIRD-QUARTER EPS

NORFOLK, VA Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) announced the sale of timber rights owned by subsidiary companies and said its earnings per share for the third quarter of 2000 likely will be in the range of 22 cents to 26 cents, including approximately \$72 million pre-tax (or 12 cents per share) from the sale of the timber rights.

Reflecting a slowing economy, mild weather in Norfolk Southern's service region and a change in traffic mix, total third-quarter railway operating revenues will be lower than anticipated. In addition, average diesel fuel costs that are more than 50 percent above third-quarter 1999 levels are driving railway operating expenses significantly higher.

This announcement, issued on the last business day of the quarter, does not signal a change in Norfolk Southern's long-standing policy of not forecasting earnings or other results. Norfolk Southern will report earnings and other results at its regular quarterly meeting with analysts in New York City on October 25. Presentation materials and a simultaneous webcast of the meeting will be available on Norfolk Southern's Web site at www.nscorp.com.

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 21,800 miles of road in 22 states, the District of Columbia and the Province of Ontario.

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