# FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     SEALE DONALD W       |  |  |   |                 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP [ NSC ] |   |                                   |                  |  |                    |            |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner |   |   |   |                                      |  |
|--|--|--|---|-----------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------|------------|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) THREE   | `  | rst) (                                     | (Middle)                                  |                 |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2006 |                                   |                  |  |                    |            |   | )   | below)  | (give title   | Othe<br>belov<br>es & Mktg                            | ′ I                                  |  |
| (Street) NORFOLK VA 23510  (City) (State) (Zip)                |  |  |   |                 |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |                                   |                  |  |                    |            |   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |                                      |  |
| (= 3)  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |   |                 |   |   |                                   |                  |  |                    |            |   |   |   |   |   |                                      |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Date) |  |  |   | Execution Date, |   |   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |                  | 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. and 5)    |                    |            | Securitie<br>Beneficia<br>Owned               | s F<br>ally (I  | . Ownership<br>form: Direct<br>D) or<br>ndirect (I)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                                     |   |                                      |  |
|  |  |  |   |                 |   |   | Code                              | v                | Amount   | (A) or (D)         | Price      | Followin<br>Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3 | ion(s)  | nstr. 4)  | (Instr. 4)  |   |                                      |  |
| Common Stock 01/27/2   |  |  |   |                 | 2006  |   | A <sup>(1)</sup>                  |                  | 7,300  | 7,300 A            |            | 93,214  |   | D   |   |   |                                      |  |
| Common Stock 01/27/2   |  |  |   | 2006            | 2006  |   | A <sup>(2)</sup>                  |                  | 10,000   | ) A                | (2)        | 103   | 103,214   |   |   |   |                                      |  |
| Common Stock   |  |  |   |                 |   |   |                                   |                  |  |                    |            |   | 8,47  | 70(3)   | I   | By<br>401(k)<br>Plan                                  |                                      |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |                 |   |   |                                   |                  |  |                    |            |   |   |   |   |   |                                      |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Dee<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/ | on Date,        | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr<br>8)                                    |   |                                   |                  | 6. Date Exercisab<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | ate        | Amount of                                     |   | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | Owners<br>Form:<br>Direct (<br>or Indir<br>(I) (Instr | Beneficia O) Ownershi ect (Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |  |   | Code            | v   | (A)   | (D)                               | Date<br>Exercisa | ble  | Expiration<br>Date | Title      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares        |   | Transaction<br>(Instr. 4)   | n(s)  |   |                                      |  |
| Option<br>(right to<br>buy)<br>granted<br>2006                 | \$49.425   | 01/27/2006                                 |   |                 | A <sup>(4)</sup>  |   | 20,000                            |                  | 01/27/20   | 07                 | 01/26/2016 | Common<br>Stock                               | 20,000  | (4)   | 20,000  | D   |                                      |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                                   | (5)  | 01/27/2006                                 |   |                 | A <sup>(5)</sup>  |   | 10,000 <sup>(5)</sup>             |                  | (5)  |                    | (5)        | Common<br>Stock                               | 10,000  | (5)   | 40,400  | D   |                                      |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents shares earned by the reporting person under the formula-based performance share feature of the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan).
- 2. The reporting person was awarded 10,000 shares of restricted stock under the Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan) on January 27, 2006. These shares will be distributed to the reporting person on the expiration of the restriction period.
- 3. 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 27, 2006, to have been credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Thrift and Investment Plan (TIP), a trusteed 401(k) plan. In accordance with TIP's terms applicable to all participants, acquisitions were made at various times and at various prices.
- 4. Reports the grant to the reporting person of an option to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock under the Norfolk Southern Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan).
- 5. Reports the number of Restricted Stock Units, exempt under Section 16(b), granted and credited to the account of the reporting person on January 27, 2006, under the terms of the Norfolk Southern Corporation Restricted Stock Unit Plan. These Units ultimately will be satisfied in cash, not in shares of common stock, upon expiration of the restriction period.

### Remarks:

<u>D. M. Martin, via P.O.A. for D.</u> W. Seale <u>01/30/2006</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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