
**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 22, 2004 (October 20, 2004)



NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction
Of incorporation)

1-8339
(Commission
File Number)

52-1188014
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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

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

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

Item 8.01. Other Events,

On October 20, 2004, the Registrant issued a Press Release, attached hereto as Exhibit 99, announcing that the Surface Transportation Board (STB) voted today to uphold the Company's rates on certain coal movements in the two pending rate cases brought by Duke Energy Corp. and Carolina Power & Light Company.

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

SIGNATURES

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION
(Registrant)

/s/ Dezora M. Martin

Name: Dezora M. Martin
Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: October 22, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit
Number Description



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 20, 2004

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RESPONDS TO STB VOTE ON RATE CASES

NORFOLK, VA – Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) said it is pleased that the Surface Transportation Board (STB) voted today to uphold the Company's rates on certain coal movements in the two pending rate cases brought by Duke Energy Corp. and Carolina Power & Light Company. In the ruling, the STB invited Duke Energy and Carolina Power & Light to initiate proceedings to determine whether the phase-in constraints of the Constrained Market Pricing Guidelines should apply. Accordingly, the Company cannot determine the impact of the decisions at this time. Norfolk Southern will continue to monitor developments in the two cases.

The Surface Transportation Board's discussion of the two cases was webcast from the Board's Web site on Oct. 20, 2004. Archived recordings of past meetings are available at www.stb.dot.gov.

Any 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 (noted in the Company's filings with the SEC) which could cause actual results to differ.

Norfolk Southern Corporation is one of the nation's premier transportation companies. Its Norfolk Southern Railway subsidiary operates 21,500 route miles in 22 states, the District of Columbia and Ontario, Canada, serving every major container port in the eastern United States and providing superior connections to western rail carriers. NS operates the most extensive intermodal network in the East and is North America's largest rail carrier of automotive parts and finished vehicles.

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