

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):

November 12, 2002

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 Monday, November 11, 2002, the Registrant issued a Press Release, attached hereto as an exhibit, announcing it has decreased its expected long-term rate of return assumption on pension plan assets for purposes of pension accounting.

Item 7.(c) Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Exhibit Description

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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)

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Dezora M. Martin  
Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: November 12, 2002

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 11, 2002

NS CHANGES EXPECTED RATE OF RETURN ON PENSION PLAN ASSETS

NORFOLK, VA - Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) announced that it has decreased its expected long-term rate of return assumption on pension plan assets for purposes of pension accounting under SFAS 87 to 9 percent. The change is based on the long-term market outlook and will result in a non-cash increase of approximately \$10 million in pre-tax compensation and benefits expense in fourth quarter 2002.

"While we are reducing the rate of return assumption for pension accounting purposes, it should be noted that our retirement plan remains fully funded," said David R. Goode, chairman, president and chief executive officer.

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

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