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

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* POTE HAROLD W | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP [NSC] | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|---------------------|--|-----------------|---|--|----------------------------------|---|--|----|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2004 | | | | | | | Officer (g below) | ive title | Other (spe | | ` . | | | |
| 270 PARK AVENUE, FLOOR 21 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | Line) | ' | | | | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK | NY | 100 | 17 | | | | | | | | | X | | , | | orting Pers | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) | | | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (Disposed Of (D) (Instr. and 5) | | | | | | Form (D) o | rect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | | | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (sa) | | (| | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4,707 | 7(1) | | D | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | 7. Title and Amount Securities Underlyin Derivative Security (and 4) | | ying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable | | piration ate | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Deferred Stock Units- Def.Compensation | (2) | 09/30/2004 | | A ⁽²⁾ | | 571 | (2) | | (2) | Com | | 571 | \$29.74 ⁽²⁾ | 8,70 | 19 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Includes the number of shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person as of September 10, 2004, as a result of participating in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- 2. Reports the number of deferred stock units—on the basis of the market value of the Common Stock on the last trading day of each quarter—to have been credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Directors' Deferred Fee Plan. These deferred stock units ultimately will be satisfied in cash, not in shares of Common Stock, upon the reporting person's retirement or at such other time as may be elected under the terms of the Directors' Deferred Fee Plan.

Remarks:

D. M. Martin, via P.O.A. for Harold W. Pote

10/01/2004

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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