

**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* <u>HIXON JAMES A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE</u>  (Street) <u>NORFOLK VA 23510</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP [ NSC ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Exec.VP-Finance &amp; Pub. Affairs</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/27/2004</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/27/2004		M		10,000	A	\$16.9375	66,272	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2004		S		7,700	D	\$33.15	58,572	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2004		S		116	D	\$33.23	58,456	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2004		S		4,400	D	\$33.24	54,056	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2004		S		5,600	D	\$33.25	48,456	D	
Common Stock								6,589 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. 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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option (granted 2000)	\$16.9375	10/27/2004		M <sup>(2)</sup>			10,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/31/2001	01/30/2010	Common Stock	10,000	(2)	50,000	D	
Stock Units (Deferred)	(3)	10/27/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>		D			1,030.7986	10/27/2004	10/27/2004	Common Stock	1,030.7986	(3)	5,153.9931 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 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 October 27, 2004, the last date on which a formal statement was available, to have been credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Thrift and Investment Plan (TIP), a trustee 401(k) plan. In accordance with TIP's terms applicable to all participants, acquisitions were made at various times and at various prices.
- Reflects exercise and resulting cancellation of stock option, in a single transaction, exempt under Rule 16b-3. The stock option was granted under the Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan).
- Reports cash payment to the reporting person of deferred stock units paid as dividend equivalents on stock options held under the Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan) based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on October 27, 2004.

**Remarks:**

D. M. Martin, via P.O.A. for 10/28/2004  
James A. Hixon

\*\* 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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