

RATHBONE JOHN P
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 RATHBONE JOHN P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP
 [NSC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/26/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Executive V.P.- Administration

NORFOLK, VA 23510

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or Price		
Common Stock	04/26/2012		M		10,000 A \$ 19.625	124,210	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012		M		25,459 A \$ 22.02	149,669	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012		M		13,068 A \$ 34.1	162,737	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S		48,527 D \$ 72.83 (1)	114,210	D
Common Stock						9,859.4753 (2)	I By 401(k) Plan

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$72.43 to \$73.23, inclusive.

- 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 April 26, 2012, 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.
- (2)
- (3) Reflects exercise and resulting cancellation of stock option, in a single transaction, exempt from Section 16(b). The stock option was granted under the Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan).

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