

Starling David L
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Starling David L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN, PO
 BOX 219335
 (Street)

KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9335
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN [KSU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/26/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2009 | | A | | 4,884 (1) \$ 0 | 50,459 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2009 | | A | | 1,941 \$ 0 | 52,400 (2) | D |

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

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Includes 4,884 performance shares that have been earned by the reporting person under KCS's 2007-2009 long-term incentive plan with respect to the 2008 performance period. These performance shares will not vest until January 17, 2010 contingent upon continued employment by the reporting person through that date. With respect to these shares, the reporting person does not have the right to vote, receive, or be entitled to receive, cash or non-cash dividends or any other beneficial rights as a shareholder of the Company.

- (3) Limited Stock Appreciation Rights ("LSARs") are granted in tandem with stock options. LSARs become exercisable only following a change-in-control of the Company in lieu of related options and are exercisable only for cash. LSARs terminate when the related options are exercised or terminated.

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