

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)  
01/27/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2006                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 7,300 A (1)   | 86,292  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2006                           |  | A <sup>(2)</sup>               | 10,000 A (2)  | 96,292  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 8,504 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | By 401(k) Plan                    |

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option (right to buy) granted 2006         | \$ 49.425  | 01/27/2006                           |  | A <sup>(4)</sup>               | 20,000  | 01/27/2007   | 01/26/2016  | Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(5)</u>   | 01/27/2006                           |  | A <sup>(5)</sup>               | 10,000<br><u>(5)</u>  | <u>(5)</u>   | <u>(5)</u>  | Common Stock | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                           | Other |
| RATHBONE JOHN P<br>THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE<br>NORFOLK, VA 23510 |               |           | Executive V.P.-<br>Administration |       |

## Signatures

D. M. Martin, via P.O.A. for John P. Rathbone  
01/30/2006  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Represents shares earned by the reporting person under the formula-based performance share feature of the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan).
- (2) The reporting person was awarded 10,000 shares of restricted stock under the Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan) on January 27, 2006. These shares will be distributed to the reporting person on the expiration of the restriction period.
- (3) 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 January 27, 2006, 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

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made at various times and at various prices.

- (4) Reports the grant to the reporting person of an option to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock under the Norfolk Southern Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan).

- Reports the number of Restricted Stock Units, exempt under Section 16(b), granted and credited to the account of the reporting person on
- (5) January 27, 2006, under the terms of the Norfolk Southern Corporation Restricted Stock Unit Plan. These Units ultimately will be satisfied in cash, not in shares of common stock, upon expiration of the restriction period.

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