

RATHBONE JOHN P
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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)
02/14/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	02/14/2005		M		15,000	A	\$ 26.0208
Common Stock	02/14/2005		S		14,700	D	\$ 35.25
Common Stock	02/14/2005		S		300	D	\$ 35.31
Common Stock					8,242 ⁽¹⁾	I	

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 (granted 1996)	\$ 26.0208	02/14/2005		M ⁽²⁾	15,000 ⁽²⁾	01/29/1997	01/28/2006	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

D. M. Martin, via P.O.A. for John P. Rathbone 02/15/2005

__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).

- 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 February 14, 2005 to have been credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation
- (1) 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) 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).

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