

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP  
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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 \*  
RATHBONE JOHN P

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

NORFOLK, VA 23510

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/10/2006

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)  
Executive V.P.- Administration

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	05/12/2006		M	15,000 A \$ 16.9375	91,292	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S	700 D \$ 57.38	90,592	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S	1,300 D \$ 57.37	89,292	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S	1,500 D \$ 57.36	87,792	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S	400 D \$ 57.34	87,392	D	

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Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	200	D	\$ 57.33	87,192	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 57.32	86,392	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	700	D	\$ 57.29	85,692	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 57.28	84,592	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	400	D	\$ 57.27	84,192	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	400	D	\$ 57.26	83,792	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	400	D	\$ 57.25	83,392	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 57.24	82,592	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	200	D	\$ 57.23	82,392	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	500	D	\$ 57.22	81,892	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 57.19	81,092	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	500	D	\$ 57.18	80,592	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	500	D	\$ 57.16	80,092	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 57.15	79,992	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 57.13	79,892	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 57.12	79,792	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	600	D	\$ 57.1	79,192	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 57.07	79,092	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	600	D	\$ 57.06	78,492	D
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 57.05	77,692	D
	05/10/2006	S	600	D	\$ 57.04	77,092	D



## 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 May 11, 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 made at various times and at various prices.
- (1)
- (2) 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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