

HIXON JAMES A  
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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 \*  
HIXON JAMES A

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/27/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec.VP-Finance & Pub. Affairs

THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE

(Street)

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

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

NORFOLK, VA 23510

(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 (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/27/2004                           |  | M                              | 10,000 A \$ 16.9375   | 66,272  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/27/2004                           |  | S                              | 7,700 D \$ 33.15  | 58,572  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/27/2004                           |  | S                              | 116 D \$ 33.23  | 58,456  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/27/2004                           |  | S                              | 4,400 D \$ 33.24  | 54,056  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/27/2004                           |  | S                              | 5,600 D \$ 33.25  | 48,456  | D  |   |

Common Stock 6,589 <sup>(1)</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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Option (granted 2000)                      | \$ 16.9375   | 10/27/2004                           |  | M <sup>(2)</sup>               | 10,000 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 01/31/2001 01/30/2010                                    | Common Stock  |
| Stock Units (Deferred)                     | <sup>(3)</sup>   | 10/27/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>            |  | D                              | 1,030.7986  | 10/27/2004 10/27/2004                                    | Common Stock  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| HIXON JAMES A<br>THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE<br>NORFOLK, VA 23510 |               |           | Exec.VP-Finance & Pub. Affairs |       |

## Signatures

D. M. Martin, via P.O.A. for James A. Hixon 10/28/2004  
 \*\*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 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 October 27, 2004, the last date on which a formal statement was available, 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.

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- (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).
- (3) Reports cash payment to the reporting person of deferred stock units paid as dividend equivalents on stock options held under the Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan) based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on October 27, 2004.

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