

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP
 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 *
 LEER STEVEN F

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)
 CITYPLACE ONE, SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,200 | D | |

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)

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| 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Deferred Stock Units-Dir. Def. Fee Plan | (1) | 12/10/2008 | | A(1) | 124 | (1) (1) | Common Stock 124 | \$ 48. (1) |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 12/10/2008 | | A(2) | 249 | (2) (2) | Common Stock 249 | \$ 47. (2) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEER STEVEN F CITYPLACE ONE, SUITE 300 ST. LOUIS, MO 63141 | | X | | |

Signatures

H. D. McFadden, via P.O.A. for Steven F. Leer 12/12/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Reports the number of deferred stock units credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Directors' Deferred Fee Plan in the form of a deemed reinvestment of dividends on deferred stock units held under the plan, calculated on the basis of the market value of the company's common stock on the dividend payment date. These units ultimately will be satisfied in cash, not in shares of common stock, upon the reporting person's retirement or at such other time as may be elected under the terms of the plan.

(2) Reports the number of restricted stock units credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan in the form of dividend equivalent payments on restricted stock units held under the plan, calculated on the basis of the market value of the company's common stock on the dividend payment date. These units ultimately will be satisfied in common stock upon the reporting person's termination of service or death.

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