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Form 8-K  
October 27, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
OCTOBER 24, 2003

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN  
(Exact name of company as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	1-4717	44-0663509
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission file number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

427 WEST 12TH STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64105  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

COMPANY'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE:  
(816) 983 - 1303

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

EXHIBIT NO.  
(99)

99.1

DOCUMENT  
Additional Exhibits

Press Release issued  
by Kansas City  
Southern dated October

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24, 2003 entitled,  
"SEC Declares  
Effective Kansas City  
Southern Registration  
Statement Relating to  
its 4.25% Redeemable  
Cumulative Convertible  
Perpetual Preferred  
Stock for Resale by  
Selling  
Securityholders," is  
attached hereto as  
Exhibit 99.1

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Kansas City Southern ("KCS" or "Company") is furnishing under Item 9 of this Current Report on Form 8-K the information included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. Exhibit 99.1 is the KCS news release, dated October 24, 2003, announcing its registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the resale of its 4.25% Redeemable Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series C, and the underlying common stock, by the selling securityholders of these securities has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Kansas City Southern

Date: October 27, 2003

By: /S/ LOUIS G. VAN HORN

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Louis G. Van Horn  
Vice President and Comptroller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT 99.1

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN  
Cathedral Square - 427 West 12TH Street - P.O. Box 219335  
Kansas City, Missouri 64121-9335

PRESS RELEASE  
NYSE SYMBOL: KSU

DATE: October 8, 2003

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SEC DECLARES EFFECTIVE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN REGISTRATION STATEMENT RELATING TO  
ITS 4.25% REDEEMABLE CUMULATIVE CONVERTIBLE PERPETUAL PREFERRED STOCK FOR RESALE  
BY SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

Kansas City, MO - Kansas City Southern ("KCS") (NYSE: KSU) announces today its registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the resale of its 4.25% Redeemable Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series C, and the underlying common stock, by the selling securityholders of these securities has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, any security.

KCS is a transportation holding company that has railroad investments in the United States, Mexico and Panama. Its primary holding is The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCSR). Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, KCSR serves customers in the central and south central regions of the U.S. KCS' rail holdings and investments are primary components of a NAFTA Railway system that links the commercial and industrial centers of the United States, Canada and Mexico.