

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/27/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec.VP-Law & Corp. Relations

NORFOLK, VA 23510

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

(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                    | 04/27/2012                           |  | M                              | 10,459 A \$ 22.02   | 167,898   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/27/2012                           |  | S                              | 5,459 D \$ 73.5   | 162,439   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/27/2012                           |  | S                              | 5,000 D \$ 73.6201  | 157,439   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,988.4664 (1)  | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Option to buy (granted 2004)               | \$ 22.02   | 04/27/2012                           |  | M <sup>(2)</sup>               | 10,459 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 01/30/2005 01/29/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 10,459                     |

## 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-Law &<br>Corp. Relations |       |

## Signatures

H. D. McFadden, via P.O.A. for James A. Hixon

04/30/2012

\*\*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 April 27, 2012, 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.

(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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