NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP Form 8-K December 17, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

December 17, 2003

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction Of incorporation) 1-8339 (Commission File Number) Three Commered 52-1188014 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Three Commercial Place Norfolk, Virginia 23510-9241 (Address of principal executive offices)

(757) 629-2680 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

No Change (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events, and

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

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On Wednesday, December 17, 2004, the Registrant issued a Press Release, attached hereto as an exhibit, announcing that it will record a pre-tax charge of approximately \$80 million to its fourth-quarter earnings to recognize the impaired value of certain telecommunications assets.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SIGNATURES

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION (Registrant)

/s/ Dezora M. Martin

Name:Dezora M. MartinTitle:Corporate Secretary

Date: December 17, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99 Press Release dated December 17, 2003.