

LEER STEVEN F  
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**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)  
 12/10/2004

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)  
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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. F...
Deferred Stock Units-Def. Compensation	(1)	12/10/2004		A(1)	31	(1) (1)	Common Stock	31 \$ 3
Deferred Stock Units	(2)	12/10/2004		A(2)	63	(2) (2)	Common Stock	63 \$

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

D. M. Martin, via P.O.A. for Steven F. Leer  
 12/13/2004  
 \*\*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) Reports the number of deferred stock units--on the basis of the market value of the Common Stock on the dividend payment date--to have been credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Directors' Deferred Fee Plan. These deferred stock 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 Directors' Deferred Fee Plan.
- (2) Reports the number of Deferred Stock Units, exempt under Section 16b(3), credited to the account of the reporting person as of December 10, 2004, under the terms of the Outside Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Program, on the basis of the market value of the Common Stock on the dividend payment date. These Units ultimately will be satisfied in cash, not in shares of Common Stock.

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