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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 *
Butler Deborah H

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)
10/28/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec. V.P.-Planning & CIO

NORFOLK, VA 23510

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	10/28/2011		M		5,300 A \$ 34.1	10,887	D
Common Stock	10/28/2011		M		4,100 A \$ 49.425	14,987	D
Common Stock	10/28/2011		M		6,500 A \$ 49.555	21,487	D
Common Stock	10/28/2011		S		15,900 D \$ 74	5,587 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock						25,000	I By GRAT

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Common Stock 1,288,2494 (2) 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (granted 2005)	\$ 34.1	10/28/2011		M(3)	5,300	01/28/2008 01/27/2015	Common Stock	5,300
Option (granted 2006)	\$ 49.425	10/28/2011		M(3)	4,100	01/27/2007 01/26/2016	Common Stock	4,100
Option (granted 2007)	\$ 49.555	10/28/2011		M(3)	6,500	01/25/2010 01/24/2017	Common Stock	6,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Butler Deborah H THREE COMMERCIAL PLACE NORFOLK, VA 23510			Exec. V.P.-Planning & CIO	

Signatures

H. D. McFadden via P.O.A. for D. H. Butler 10/31/2011

**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) Excludes 25,000 shares which remain held indirectly in grantor retained annuity trusts (GRATs), previously held directly.
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 October 28, 2011, to have been credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern 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)
- (3) 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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