

CARTER GENE R
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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 *
CARTER GENE R

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/10/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

1703 NORTH BEAUREGARD STREET

(Street)

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

ALEXANDRIA, VA 22311-1714

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					3,100	D	
Common Stock					50	I (1)	Lillian Y. Carter Living Trust

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. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Deferred Stock Units-Dir. Def. Fee Plan	(2)	12/10/2008		A(2)	35	(2) (2)	Common Stock	35 \$ 48. (2)
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	12/10/2008		A(3)	297	(3) (3)	Common Stock	297 \$ 47. (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARTER GENE R 1703 NORTH BEAUREGARD STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22311-1714	X			

Signatures

H. D. McFadden, via P.O.A. for Gene R. Carter
12/12/2008

__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).

Held by Lillian Y. Carter and Gene R. Carter, Trustees, under trust agreement dated September 9, 2003, for the Lillian Y. Carter Living Trust. The inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be construed as an admission the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares.

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Reports the number of deferred stock units credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Directors' Deferred Fee Plan in the form of a deemed reinvestment of dividends on deferred stock units held under the plan, calculated on the basis of the market value of the company's common stock on the dividend payment date. These 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 plan.

- (3) Reports the number of restricted stock units credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan in the form of dividend equivalent payments on restricted stock units held under the plan, calculated on the basis of the market value of the company's common stock on the dividend payment date. These units ultimately will be satisfied in common stock upon the reporting person's termination of service or death.

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