

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 19, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
**September 19, 2011 (September 12, 2011)**

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**NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Virginia**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-8339**

(Commission File  
Number)

**52-1188014**

(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On July 27, 2011, the Company filed a Motion to Dismiss the shareholder derivative action brought by Lawrence Treppel ("Plaintiff") on behalf of the Company, styled *Treppel v. Reason, et al.*, and pending before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Court"), Case No. 2:11-cv-00384-MSD-DEM (the "Action"). The Company's Motion to Dismiss was based on the Board of Directors' Special Litigation Committee's conclusion that maintenance of the litigation was not in the best interest of the Company. On August 19, 2011, Plaintiff filed a Consented to Motion for Dismissal of Derivative Action ("Plaintiff's Dismissal Motion").

Pursuant to Rule 23.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Company hereby gives notice that on September 12, 2011, the Court entered an order (the "Order") granting Plaintiff's Dismissal Motion. The Order provides, among other things, that Plaintiff is dismissed immediately from the Action with prejudice, and that the Action will otherwise be dismissed without prejudice as to the Company and its shareholders unless another Norfolk Southern Corporation shareholder within thirty (30) days of the Order's entry intervenes and demonstrates that this Action should not be dismissed. The Company's Motion to Dismiss will remain pending until the thirty days have expired. The Court's Order is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**(d) Exhibits**

The following exhibit is filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

| <b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>                |
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| 99.1                         | Court's Order, dated September 12, 2011. |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities 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/ Howard D. McFadden

Name: Howard D. McFadden

Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: September 19, 2011

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