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May 18, 2005

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

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):  
May 18, 2005 (May 17, 2005)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Virginia  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-8339  
(Commission File Number)

52-1188014  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, Virginia  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

23510-9241  
(Zip Code)

(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:

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- 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 May 17, 2005, Norfolk Southern Corporation (the

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"Corporation") issued \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of new unsecured 5.64% notes due 2029 (the "Notes due 2029") and \$366.6 million aggregate principal amount of new unsecured 5.59% notes due 2025 (the "Notes due 2025" and together with the Notes due 2029, the "New Notes"). The New Notes were issued in connection with the Corporation's offer to exchange the New Notes and cash for: (i) up to \$350 million of its outstanding 7.80% notes due 2027, (ii) up to \$200 million of its outstanding 7.25% notes due 2031 and (iii) any and all of its 9.00% notes due 2021, as more fully described in the prospectuses dated April 15, 2005.

The Notes due 2025 were issued under the Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 17, 2005, between the Corporation and U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as successor trustee (the "Trustee"), to the Indenture, dated as of January 15, 1991 (the "Base Indenture"), between the Corporation and the Trustee, as supplemented from time to time.

The Notes due 2029 were issued under the Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated May 17, 2005, between the Corporation and the Trustee, to the Base Indenture, between the Corporation and the Trustee, as supplemented from time to time.

The Tenth and Eleventh Supplemental Indentures are filed herewith as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 17, 2005, between Norfolk Southern Corporation and U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee.
99.2	Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 17, 2005, between Norfolk Southern Corporation and U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee.

SIGNATURES

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

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Dezora M. Martin

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Name: Dezora M. Martin  
Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: May 18, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Trust National Association, as Trustee.
  
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between Norfolk Southern Corporation and U.S.  
Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee.