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Form 8-K  
October 01, 2004

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):  
September 28, 2004

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN  
(Exact name of company as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	1-4717	44-0663509
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission file number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

427 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(816) 983 - 1303

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On September 29, 2004, Byron G. Thompson resigned from the Board of Directors of Kansas City Southern ("KCS"). In his resignation letter, Mr. Thompson stated

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that he is resigning due to retirement and is not leaving the Board because of any disagreement with Kansas City Southern or its management.

Item 8.01            Other Events

On September 28, 2004, Board member Robert J. Druten was appointed as a member and chairman of the Company's Audit Committee. Additionally, effective October 1, 2004, Mr. Robert B. Terry was appointed Senior Vice President and General Counsel for KCS.

SIGNATURE

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.

Kansas City Southern

Date: September 30, 2004

By:                    /s/ James S. Brook

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James S. Brook  
Vice President and Comptroller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)