

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2003

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**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 ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

December 17, 2003

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***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 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)

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Item 5. Other Events, and  
Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

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On Wednesday, December 17, 2004, the Registrant issued a Press Release, attached hereto as an exhibit, announcing that it will record a pre-tax charge of approximately \$80 million to its fourth-quarter earnings to recognize the impaired value of certain telecommunications assets.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and 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/ Dezora M. Martin

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Name: Dezora M. Martin  
Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: December 17, 2003

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release dated December 17, 2003.