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KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 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):  
MAY 18, 2004

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

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| DELAWARE<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | 1-4717<br>(Commission file number) | 44-0663509<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification Number) |
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427 WEST 12TH STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64105  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

COMPANY'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE:  
(816) 983 - 1303

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

EXHIBIT NO. DOCUMENT

(99) Additional Exhibits

99.1 Pro Forma Financial Information, including Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2004 and Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Income Statements for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 and the Year Ended December 31, 2003.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Kansas City Southern ("KCS" or "Company") is furnishing under Item 9 of this Current Report on Form 8-K the information included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. Exhibit 99.1 is pro forma financial information of the Company that is included in the Post-Effective Amendment No. 6 to the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed May 18, 2004 ("Post-Effective Amendment No. 6") and includes Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2004 and

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Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Income Statements for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 and the Year Ended December 31, 2003.

The Company is also furnishing under Item 9 of this Current Report on Form 8-K information included in the Post-Effective Amendment No. 6 relating to the Company's Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends was 1.02. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends was less than 1:1. The ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends would have been 1:1 if a deficiency of \$18.2 million was eliminated.

The information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

### SIGNATURE

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

Kansas City Southern

Date: May 18, 2004

By: /s/ Ronald G. Russ

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Ronald G. Russ  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer