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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Ottensmeyer Patrick J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN [KSU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN, PO BOX 219335
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/26/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP - Sales and Marketing

KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9335
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2009 | | A | 7,711 (1) A \$ 0 | 75,537 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2009 | | A | 3,383 A \$ 0 | 78,920 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 219,731 | I | By 401(k) & P/S Plan (3) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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These shares represent performance shares that were earned on February 26, 2009, when the KCS Compensation and Organization Committee determined the level at which the 2008 performance goals met. These performance shares will not vest until January 17, 2010

(1) contingent upon continued employment by the reporting person through that date. With respect to these shares, the reporting person does not have the right to vote, receive, or be entitled to receive, cash or non-cash dividends or any other beneficial rights as a stockholder of the company.

Includes 20,733 performance shares that have been earned by the reporting person under KCS's 2007-2009 long-term incentive plan with respect to the 2007 and 2008 performance periods. These performance shares will not vest until January 17, 2010 contingent upon continued employment by the reporting person through that date. With respect to these shares, the reporting person does not have the right to vote, receive, or be entitled to receive, cash or non-cash dividends or any other beneficial rights as a shareholder of the Company.

(3) 219,731 shares have accrued in the reporting person's account under the KCS 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan.

Limited Stock Appreciation Rights ("LSARs") are granted in tandem with stock options. LSARs become exercisable only following a change-in-control of the Company in lieu of related options and are exercisable only for cash. LSARs terminate when the related options are exercised or terminated.

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