

Starling David L  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Starling David L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN, PO BOX 219335

(Street)

KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9335

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN [KSU]

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

02/22/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A		20,323 (1) \$ 0 125,287 (2)	D	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 51.55					07/30/2013 07/29/2018	Common Stock	3,88
LSAR <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 51.55					<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	3,88
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.41					03/01/2013 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/29/2020	Common Stock	20,6
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 52.62					<sup>(5)</sup> 02/22/2021	Common Stock	21,9
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 66.99	02/22/2012		A	16,447	<sup>(5)</sup> 02/21/2022	Common Stock	16,4

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Starling David L KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN PO BOX 219335 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9335			President & CEO	

**Signatures**

Brian P. Banks,  
Attorney-in-fact  
02/23/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) 11,194 of these shares represent performance shares that were earned on February 22, 2012 when the KCS Compensation and Organization Committee determined that the 2011 performance goals were met. These performance shares will not vest until February 28, 2014. 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.

(2) Includes 476 shares acquired through the KCS Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(3) 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.

(4) Prior to March 1, 2013, this option may become exercisable in 1/3 increments if the daily closing price of Kansas City Southern's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange is greater than or equal to \$38.95, \$42.85, and \$47.14, respectively, for at least 30 consecutive trading days. The first target was met and 6,867 of these options became exercisable on November 19, 2010. The second target was met and 6,867 of these options became exercisable on December 8, 2010. The third target was met and 6,866 of these options became exercisable on January 7, 2011.

(5) These options become exercisable in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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