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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): $OCTOBER\ 6$, 2003

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

DELAWARE 1-4717 44-0663509

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission file number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification Number)

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

 ${\tt NOT\ APPLICABLE} \\ ({\tt Former\ name\ or\ former\ address\ if\ changed\ since\ last\ report)}$

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

EXHIBIT NO. DOCUMENT

(99) Additional Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by Kansas City

Southern dated October

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6, 2003 entitled,
"Kansas City Southern
Announces Third
Quarter 2003 Release
Date, Presentation and
Conference Call
Details," is attached
hereto as Exhibit 99.1

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 the KCS news release, dated October 6, 2003, announcing the date, time and other relevant information regarding the Company's third quarter presentation and conference call of its financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003.

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: October 8, 2003 By: /S/ LOUIS G. VAN HORN

Louis G. Van Horn Vice President and Comptroller (Principal Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT 99.1

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN PRESS RELEASE

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KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER 2003 RELEASE DATE,
PRESENTATION AND CONFERENCE CALL DETAILS

Kansas City Southern (KCS) (NYSE:KSU) will report its third quarter 2003 financial results on Wednesday, October 29, 2003, prior to the opening of trading of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

KCS will hold its third quarter 2003 earnings and operations overview presentation on October 29 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern. The presentation will be held at the JPMorgan building, 270 Park Avenue, 11th Floor, Conference Room F. A buffet lunch will be available at 12:30 p.m.

Shareholders and other interested parties who are not able to attend the meeting can listen to the presentation via telephone. To access the presentation, call 1-800-955-1795 (U.S. and Canada) or 1-706-643-0096 (International) approximately five minutes before the meeting. A replay of the presentation will be available for one week (11/6/03) by calling 1-800-642-1687 (U.S. and Canada) or 1-706-645-9291 (International), Conference ID #: 2982366. The accompanying charts to the presentation can be accessed on the KCS website, www.kcsi.com, on October 29 immediately prior to the presentation.

KCS is a transportation holding company that has railroad investments in the United States, Mexico and Panama. Its primary holding is The Kansas City Southern Railway (KCSR). Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, KCSR serves customers in the central and south central regions of the U.S. KCS's rail holdings and investments are primary components of a NAFTA railway system that links the commercial and industrial centers of the United States, Canada and Mexico.