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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Ottensmeyer	Symbol	Symbol KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN [KSU]				Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)		(Month/I	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			Director 10% Owner			
KANSAS C BOX 21933	I, PO 02/26/2	02/26/2009				X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9335 —Form filed by More than One Reporting Person								eporting	
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 8)		d (A) of d of (E, 4 and (A) or)) 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)
Common Stock	02/26/2009		Code V A	Amount 7,711 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	75,537 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2009		A	3,383	A	\$ 0	78,920 (2)	D	D 404 (1)

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

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By 401(k)

& P/S Plan

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

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8 I S ()
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (4)	\$ 25.8					06/09/2009	06/08/2016	Common Stock	20,000	
LSAR (4)	\$ 25.8					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	20,000	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (4)	\$ 25.8					06/09/2011	06/08/2016	Common Stock	10,000	
LSAR (4)	\$ 25.8					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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EVP - Sales and Marketing

Signatures

Brian P. Banks, Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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).
 - 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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