

Starling David L  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 02/26/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/26/2009		A		4,884 (1) \$ 0	50,459 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/26/2009		A		1,941 \$ 0	52,400 (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)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 51.55					07/30/2013	07/29/2018	Common Stock	3,880
LSAR <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 51.55					<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	3,880

## 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 & COO	

## Signatures

Brian P. Banks,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/27/2009

\*\*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).

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.

(2)

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Includes 4,884 performance shares that have been earned by the reporting person under KCS's 2007-2009 long-term incentive plan with respect to the 2008 performance period. 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) 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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