

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

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-4717

(Commission file number)

44-0663509

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

427 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Company's telephone number, including area code:

(816) 983 - 1303

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

EXHIBIT 99.1

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN

427 WEST 12TH STREET • KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64105

P R E S S R E L E A S E

NYSE SYMBOL: KSU



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Date: October 6, 2003

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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.

