KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN Form 8-K January 20, 2017

UNITED STATES 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): January 20, 2017

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 1-4717 44-0663509 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) file number) Identification Number)

427 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (816) 983 - 1303

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Kansas City Southern (the "Company", "KCS") is furnishing under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, the information included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. Exhibit 99.1 is the Company's press release, dated January 20, 2017, announcing the Company's fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2016 earnings and operating results. Included in Exhibit 99.1 are schedules regarding certain financial information discussed during the Company's fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2016 analyst presentation and conference call.

The information included in this Item 2.02, and Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of or otherwise subject to the liabilities under Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Unless expressly incorporated into a filing of KCS under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Exchange Act made after the date hereof, the information contained in this Item 2.02 and Exhibit 99.1 hereto shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of KCS, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)

Press Release dated January 20, 2017 issued by Kansas City Southern entitled "Kansas City Southern Reports Fourth Quarter and Full-Year 2016".

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Kansas City Southern

Date: January 20, 2017

By:/s/ Mary K. Stadler Name: Mary K. Stadler

Title: Senior Vice President & Chief Accounting Officer

(Principal Accounting Officer)

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Exhibit

Description No

Press Release dated January 20, 2017 issued by Kansas City Southern entitled "Kansas City Southern 99.1

Reports Fourth Quarter and Full-Year 2016".