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Norfolk Southern and Wabtec Expand Locomotive Modernization Program

- 33 Evolution Series locomotives to be converted from DC to AC traction
- Upgrades support fleet reliability, efficiency, and long-term sustainability

ATLANTA and PITTSBURGH, Aug. 26, 2026 — Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) and Wabtec Corporation (NYSE: WAB) today announced an expanded program to modernize 33 DC-traction Evolution Series locomotives for the railroad. As part of Norfolk Southern's fleet modernization strategy, the initiative will convert the units to AC-traction technology to improve performance, reliability, and efficiency.

"This investment will improve reliability, increase efficiency, and extend locomotive life, helping us deliver safe, dependable service for customers," said Brian Barr, Norfolk Southern Chief Operating Officer. "Together with Wabtec, we're continuing to invest in technologies that improve fleet performance and maximize the value of existing assets."

Wabtec will modernize the ES44DC locomotives with AC traction motors, upgraded control systems, and advanced digital technologies, converting the units into ES44ACMs. AC traction provides superior adhesion and hauling performance, particularly in demanding operating conditions. The upgraded locomotives will deliver higher productivity with lower lifecycle maintenance requirements. The modernization package will also enhance locomotive diagnostics and maintenance planning, helping improve fleet reliability.

"This new modernization program underscores the strength of our longstanding partnership with Norfolk Southern and our shared focus on delivering operational value," said Sameer Gaur, President of Wabtec's Freight Services. "By combining innovative technology, engineering excellence, and deep service expertise, we're helping our customer maximize the value of their assets while positioning their fleet for the future."

Norfolk Southern was the launch customer for the original ES44DC locomotives in 2004. Since 2015, Wabtec and Norfolk Southern have collaborated on one of North America's largest locomotive modernization efforts, contributing to more than [1,000 DC-to-AC locomotive conversions](#). This agreement continues with that expanded partnership.

By extending locomotive life and integrating more efficient technology, the modernization program supports Norfolk Southern's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity while advancing a more sustainable freight rail network.

The modernization work is being performed at Wabtec's U.S.-based facilities. The first upgraded locomotive was shipped to Norfolk Southern this month, with the remaining deliveries continuing through 2027.

About Norfolk Southern

Since 1827, Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) and its predecessor companies have safely moved the goods and materials that drive the U.S. economy. Today, it operates a 22-state freight transportation network. Committed to furthering sustainability, Norfolk Southern helps its customers avoid approximately 15 million tons of yearly carbon emissions by shipping via rail. Its dedicated team members deliver approximately 7 million carloads annually, from agriculture to consumer goods. Norfolk Southern also has the most extensive intermodal network in the eastern U.S. It serves a majority of the country's population and manufacturing base, with connections to every major container port on the Atlantic coast as well as major ports across the Gulf Coast and Great Lakes. Learn more by visiting www.NorfolkSouthern.com.

About Wabtec

Wabtec Corporation is revolutionizing the way the world moves for future generations. The Company is a leading global provider of equipment, systems, digital solutions and value-added services for the freight and transit rail industries, as well as the mining, marine and industrial markets. Wabtec has been a leader in the rail industry for 155 years and has a vision to achieve an efficient rail system in the U.S. and worldwide. Visit Wabtec's website at [**www.wabteccorp.com**](http://www.wabteccorp.com).

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