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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE INC/VA [ODFL] Bates David J. (Month/Day/Year) 10/27/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 500 OLD DOMINION WAY (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person THOMASVILLE, NCÂ 27360 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One **SVP** - Operations Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Ι Common Stock 220 By 401(k) plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Phantom Stock $\hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} Stock$ 5,346 \$\(\frac{(2)}{2}\) D \hat{A}

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bates David J.

500 OLD DOMINION WAY Â Â SVP - Operations Â

THOMASVILLE, NCÂ 27360

Signatures

/s/ David J.
Bates

**Signature of Reporting Person

11/07/2011

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The award will settle on the earlier of (a) the date of the reporting person's termination of employment on or after attainment of age 55 for (1) any reason other than death, total disability or for cause; (b) the date of the reporting person's death while employed by the issuer; or (c) the date of the reporting person's termination of employment as a result of his total disability.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. common stock.

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