

# FORM 3

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bates David J.  (Last) (First) (Middle) 500 OLD DOMINION WAY  (Street) THOMASVILLE, NC 27360  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/27/2011	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE INC/VA [ODFL]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) SVP - Operations	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	220	I	By 401(k) plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (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 Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Phantom Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	5,346	\$ (2)	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bates David J. 500 OLD DOMINION WAY THOMASVILLE, NC 27360			SVP - Operations	

## Signatures

/s/ David J. Bates	11/07/2011
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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

(1) for 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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November 2, 2011

Securities and Exchange Commission  
Judiciary Plaza  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to General Instruction 7 to Form 3 (Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership), Form 4 (Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership) and Form 5 (Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the undersigned director, officer and/or shareholder of Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. (the "Company") hereby authorizes and designates David S. Congdon, Ross H. Parr and Alice G. Gibson, and each of them, to execute and file with the Commission on the undersigned's behalf any and all statements on Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 relating to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of securities of the Company as required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules of the Commission promulgated thereunder. This authorization and designation shall be effective for so long as the undersigned remains subject to the provisions of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Effective as of the 2nd day of November, 2011.

/s/ David J. Bates  
David J. Bates

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