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DST SYSTEMS, INC. ANNOUNCES NOTIFICATION OF EARNINGS RELEASE DATE

KANSAS CITY, MO. January 5, 2009 — DST Systems, Inc. (NYSE: DST) will release its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2008, on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, after the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Company will host a conference call on Thursday, January 29, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. Central Time. The dial-in number is (888) 423-3274 and callers should reference the Fourth Quarter Earnings Release. For international callers, the dial-in number is (612) 332-0634.

A telephone replay of the call will be available from January 29, 2009, at 1:00 P.M. until 11:59 P.M. on February 12, 2009. The telephone number for the replay is (800) 475-6701, access code 978102.

Interested parties may listen to the conference call via a live webcast from the DST Systems, Inc. Web site (www.dstsystems.com). To access the webcast from the DST homepage, click the **Investor Center** link. Once inside the Investor Center, to begin listening to the webcast (at 10:00 A.M. Central Time), click the speaker icon located near the center of the page and then follow the provided instructions. The call cannot be accessed prior to 10:00 A.M. Central Time.

For those unable to participate at the scheduled time, the archived webcast will be available in the Investor Center of DST's Web site through February 28, 2009.

The information and comments in this press release may include forward-looking statements respecting DST and its businesses. Such information and comments are based on DST's views as of today, and actual actions or results could differ. There could be a number of factors, risks, uncertainties or contingencies that could affect future actions or results, including but not limited to those set forth in DST's periodic reports (Form 10-K or 10-Q) filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All such factors should be considered in evaluating any forward-looking statements. The Company will not update any forward-looking statements in this press release to reflect future events.