

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
OSBORN WILLIAM A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
[NTRS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/23/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board

CHICAGO, IL 60603

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/23/2009		M	50,000	\$ 43.1563	643,746	I By Trust
Common Stock	01/23/2009		S	44,217	\$ 55.5045 (1)	599,529	I By Trust
Common Stock	01/23/2009		S	190	\$ 56.2119 (2)	599,339	I By Trust
Common Stock	01/26/2009		M	1,913	\$ 52.3	601,252	I By Trust
	01/26/2009		M	3,066	\$ 32.615	604,318	I By Trust

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Common Stock									
Common Stock	01/26/2009		G V	4,189	D	\$ 0	600,129	I	By Trust
Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>							177,360.46	D	
Common Stock							37,055	I	By Spouse
Common Stock							400	I	Trustee for Mother's Trust
Common Stock							78,542 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By 401(k)

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 45.1563	01/23/2009		M	50,000	<sup>(5)</sup>	05/13/2009	Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 52.3	01/26/2009		M	1,913	<sup>(6)</sup>	05/20/2012	Common Stock	1,913
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 32.615	01/26/2009		M	3,066	<sup>(7)</sup>	02/18/2013	Common Stock	3,066

