

Poitras Thomas M  
 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 \*  
 Poitras Thomas M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 TRUSTCO BANK CORP N Y [TRST]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O TRUSTCO BANK CORP NY, 5 SARNOWSKI DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/15/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP & ASSISTANT SECRETARY

GLENVILLE, NY 12302

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	11/15/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>	2,500 A \$ 0	32,636 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
COMMON STOCK					4,889	I	BY IMMEDIATE FAMILY

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)
OPTION: RT-TO-BUY	\$ 5.14	11/15/2011		A <sup>(3)</sup>	10,000	11/15/2011 11/15/2021	COMMON 1

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Poitras Thomas M C/O TRUSTCO BANK CORP NY 5 SARNOWSKI DRIVE GLENVILLE, NY 12302			VP & ASSISTANT SECRETARY	

## Signatures

ROBERT T. CUSHING, BY POWER OF ATTORNEY  
11/17/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) THE REPORTED TRANSACTION INVOLVES AN AWARD OF RESTRICTED STOCK ISSUED UNDER THE 2010 EQUITY PLAN.
- (2) ADDITIONAL SHARES ACQUIRED BY REPORTING PERSON'S PARTICIPATION IN DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND/OR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN WITH DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT FEATURE.
- (3) GRANT TO REPORTING PERSON OF OPTION TO BUY 10,000 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK AS OF 11/15/2011 DATE OF GRANT.

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