

OSBORN WILLIAM A  
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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)  
04/18/2008

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  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/18/2008		M	45,572 A \$ 45.1563	541,813	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		M	18,397 A \$ 32.615	560,210	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		S	33 D \$ 73.24	560,177	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		S	100 D \$ 73.26	560,077	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		S	1,200 D \$ 73.28	558,877	I	By Trust

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Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	100	D	\$ 73.2825	558,777	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	100	D	\$ 73.29	558,677	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	2,400	D	\$ 73.3	556,277	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	700	D	\$ 73.31	555,577	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	100	D	\$ 73.315	555,477	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	400	D	\$ 73.32	555,077	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	1,700	D	\$ 73.33	553,377	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	100	D	\$ 73.335	553,277	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	3,950	D	\$ 73.34	549,327	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	200	D	\$ 73.35	549,127	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	100	D	\$ 73.355	549,027	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	350	D	\$ 73.36	548,677	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	1,955	D	\$ 73.37	546,722	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	600	D	\$ 73.375	546,122	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	2,650	D	\$ 73.38	543,472	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	200	D	\$ 73.3825	543,272	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	600	D	\$ 73.385	542,672	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	100	D	\$ 73.3875	542,572	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	2,697	D	\$ 73.39	539,875	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	2,250	D	\$ 73.4	537,625	I	By Trust
	04/18/2008	S	200	D	\$ 73.405	537,425	I	By Trust

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Common Stock								
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	100	D	\$ 73.4075	537,325	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	98	D	\$ 73.41	537,227	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	100	D	\$ 73.4125	537,127	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	850	D	\$ 73.42	536,277	I	By Trust <u>(1)</u>

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 45.1563	04/18/2008		M	45,572	05/13/2001 05/13/2009	Common Stock	45,572
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 32.615	04/18/2008		M	18,397	08/18/2003 02/18/2013	Common Stock	18,397

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OSBORN WILLIAM A 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603	X		Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki, Attorney-in-Fact for William A.  
Osborn

04/22/2008

\_\_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) This Form 4 is being filed as Part 1 and is continued on two additional Form 4s as Parts 2 and 3 (due to the thirty row maximum allowed on Table I)

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