#### NORTHERN TRUST CORP

Form 4

October 28, 2008

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WADDELL FREDERICK H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHERN TRUST CORP [NTRS]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 50 S. LA S.				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/24/2008				_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO and President			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
CHICAGO	, IL 60603										
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. Secur on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose, 4 and  (A) or	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock (1)	10/24/2008		F	117	D	\$ 48.82	72,498	D			
Common Stock (1)	10/24/2008		F	117	D	\$ 48.82	72,381 (2) (3)	D			
Common							120 150	T	Dr. Tenet		

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120,159

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14,475

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Common Stock

28,764 (4) I

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	) Derivativ	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration , Date		or	
						Exercisable		Title	Number	
				G 1	(A) (B)				of	
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WADDELL FREDERICK H 50 S. LA SALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603

X

CEO and President

## **Signatures**

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for Frederick H. Waddell

10/28/2008

\*\*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).
- Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock. **(1)**
- On October 24, 2008, 5,000 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 18, 2003, were distributed to the reporting person; 117 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes, and 4,883 stock units were deferred.
- On October 24, 2008, 5,000 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 15, 2005, were distributed to the reporting **(3)** person, 117 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes, and 4,883 stock units were deferred.

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