

OSBORN WILLIAM A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>Osborn William A</b><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>Northern Trust Corporation</b><br><b>50 S La Salle St</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>Chicago, IL 60675</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) |   |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>Northern Trust Corporation NTRS</b> |   |  |            | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director —<br>10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) —<br>Other (specify below)<br><b>Chairman and CEO</b> |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|------------|--|--|---|---|
| 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)  |   |   | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br><b>02/18/03</b>                                    |   | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |            |  |  |   |   |
|  |   |   | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)                                    |   |  |            |  |  |   |   |
| Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |   |   |   |   |  |            |  |  |   |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  | 2. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year) | 3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)   |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)  |            |  | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Owner-ship 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 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 02/18/03                                |   | A   |   | 15000  | A          |  | 260967   | D   |   |
| Common Stock   |   |   |   |   |  |            |  | 349317   | D   |   |
| Common Stock   |   |   |   |   |  |            |  | 40630  | I   | By Spouse   |
| Common Stock   |   |   |   |   |  |            |  | 62924 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I   | 401(k)  |
| Common Stock   |   |   |   |   |  |            |  | 15390 <sup>(3)</sup>   | I   | ESOP  |

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
**(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 & 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 & 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |       |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|-----|---|-----------------|--|---|---|---|---|-------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                              | V | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date |  |   |   |   |   | Title |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup> | \$32.615   | 02/18/03                                |   | A                                 |   | 18397   |     | 08/18/03  | 02/18/13        | Common Stock   | 18397   |   | 1283023   | D   |       |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup> | \$32.615   | 02/18/03                                |   | A                                 |   | 50000   |     | 02/18/04  | 02/18/13        | Common Stock   | 50000   |   |   | D   |       |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup> | \$32.615   | 02/18/03                                |   | A                                 |   | 50000   |     | 02/18/05  | 02/18/13        | Common Stock   | 50000   |   |   | D   |       |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup> | \$32.615   | 02/18/03                                |   | A                                 |   | 50000   |     | 02/18/06  | 02/18/13        | Common Stock   | 50000   |   | 1433023   | D   |       |
| Common Stock Award <sup>(4)</sup>                 |  |   |   |                                   |   |   |     |   |                 | Common Stock   | 44000   |   | 44000   | D   |       |

## Explanation of Responses:

(1) Represents stock units payable automatically in common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

(2) as of 01/31/03

(3) as of 12/31/02

(4) with tandem tax withholding right

By: /s/ **Eileen C. Ratzka (POA)**  
**William A. Osborn**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**02/20/03**  
Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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