

TOTH TERENCE J  
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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 \*  
 TOTH TERENCE J

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 S. LA SALLE ST.  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/20/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & President/NTGI

CHICAGO, IL 60675

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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	01/20/2006		M		10,032	A \$ 16.75	31,945 I By Trust
Common Stock	01/20/2006		F		2,037	D \$ 49.47	29,908 I By Trust
Common Stock	01/20/2006		M		2,890	A \$ 34.5938	32,798 I By Trust
Common Stock	01/20/2006		F		2,020	D \$ 49.47	30,778 I By Trust
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>							35,000 D

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Common Stock 4,511 <sup>(2)</sup> I 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 16.75	01/20/2006		M	10,032	09/17/1998 09/17/2006	Common Stock	10,032
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 34.5938	01/20/2006		M	2,890	09/15/2000 09/15/2008	Common Stock	2,890

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TOTH TERENCE J 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60675			EVP & President/NTGI	

## Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for Terence J. Toth 01/23/2006  
 \*\*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) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.

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(2) as of 12/31/2005

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