#### NORTHERN TRUST CORP

Form 4

January 23, 2007

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SMITH HAROLD B Issuer Symbol NORTHERN TRUST CORP (Check all applicable) [NTRS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 50 S. LA SALLE ST. 01/23/2007 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60675

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	ransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/23/2007		S	497	D	\$ 60.19	1,237,651	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007		S	3	D	\$ 60.2	1,237,648	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007		S	1,100	D	\$ 60.23	1,236,548	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007		S	300	D	\$ 60.24	1,236,248	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007		S	1,194	D	\$ 60.26	1,235,054	I	By Trust (1) (2)

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Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	404	D	\$ 60.27	1,234,650	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	200	D	\$ 60.28	1,234,450	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	900	D	\$ 60.29	1,233,550	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	302	D	\$ 60.3	1,233,248	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	200	D	\$ 60.31	1,233,048	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	1	D	\$ 60.32	1,233,047	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	99	D	\$ 60.33	1,232,948	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	1,212	D	\$ 60.35	1,231,736	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	588	D	\$ 60.36	1,231,148	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	1,830	D	\$ 60.37	1,229,318	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	270	D	\$ 60.38	1,229,048	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	200	D	\$ 60.42	1,228,848	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock	01/23/2007	S	700	D	\$ 60.43	1,228,148	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock						204,732	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock						5,760	I	By Trust (1) (2)
Common Stock						5,304	I	By Trust
Common Stock						1,440	I	By Trust
Common Stock						727,928	I	By Trust
Common Stock (5)						1,602.66	D	

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 Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ing	Security	Secui
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	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						·
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	0			
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
								0			
				Code V	(A) (D)			S	Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SMITH HAROLD B								
50 S. LA SALLE ST.	X							
CHICAGO, IL 60675								

## **Signatures**

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for Harold
B.Smith
01/23/2007

\*\*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) One of three trusts that were previously reported collectively. Each trust is being listed individually for this Form 4.
- (2) Reporting person is a co-trustee and has a contingent beneficial interest.
- (3) Shares held in a revocable trust created by the reporting person.
- (4) Shares held in a trust of which the reporting person is a co-trustee and has a direct beneficial interest.
- (5) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.

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