

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
 Form 4/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**

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

(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 S. LA SALLE ST.**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/26/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman and CEO**

**CHICAGO, IL 60675**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/27/2005**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	07/26/2005		M	3,532 A \$ 28.3125	421,457	I	By Trust
Common Stock	07/26/2005		M	14,032 A \$ 16.75	435,489	I	By Trust
Common Stock	07/26/2005		F <sup>(3)</sup>	2,772 D \$ 50.855	432,717	I	By Trust
Common Stock					37,055	I	By Spouse
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>					350,350	D	

Common Stock 78,489 <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		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Acquired (A)	or Disposed of (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.3125	07/26/2005		M	3,532		09/16/1999	09/16/2007	Common Stock	3,532
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.75	07/26/2005		M	14,032		09/17/1998	09/17/2006	Common Stock	14,032

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OSBORN WILLIAM A 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60675	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for William A. Osborn 08/04/2005

\_\_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.
- (2) as of 6/30/2005
- (3) This amendment is being filed to delete the "K" symbol as this transaction was not an equity swap, but simply the withholding of shares from the stock option exercise to pay a portion of the related taxes.

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