

NBT BANCORP INC  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**FORSYTHE DARYL R**  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

**52 SOUTH BROAD STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**NORWICH, NY 13815**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

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**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12/31/2008	^	J	186.28 A	\$ 0 (1)	127,628.834 D	^
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	0	I	NBT 401k/ESOP Plan

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NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	0	I	NBT Bancorp ESOP
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,842	I	by Spouse

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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.74	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/01/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.4842	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/01/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/01/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5508	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/01/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/01/2018	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FORSYTHE DARYL R 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815	X	A	A	A

## Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Daryl R. Forsythe

01/26/2009

\_\_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) Shares acquired under NBT Bancorp Dividend Reinvestment Plan during period of 1/1/2008 to 12/31/2008 at prices ranging from \$ 21.1468 to \$ 26.8782.
- (2) Pursuant to NBT Non-Employee Director, Divisional Director and Subsidiary Director Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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