

THERIAULT TIMOTHY 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 \*  
 THERIAULT TIMOTHY 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)  
 10/20/2006

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

CHICAGO, IL 60603

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/20/2006		F	(A) or (D) 2,259 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 57.185 49,039 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					29,417 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By Trust
Common Stock	10/20/2006		M	1,913 A	\$ 52.3 31,330	I	By Trust
Common Stock	10/20/2006		F	1,749 D	\$ 57.185 29,851	I	By Trust
Common Stock	10/20/2006		M	3,066 A	\$ 32.615 32,917	I	By Trust

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Common Stock 10/20/2006 F 1,748 D \$ 57.185 31,169 I By Trust

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 52.3	10/20/2006		M	1,913	05/20/2003 05/20/2012	Common Stock	1,913
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 32.615	10/20/2006		M	3,066	02/18/2004 02/18/2013	Common Stock	3,066

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THERIAULT TIMOTHY J 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60603			EVP & President C&IS	

## Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for Timothy J. Theriault 10/24/2006

\*\*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.
- (2) 2,259 stock units withheld in payment of taxes resulting from the vesting of 7,000 stock units
- (3) Total reflects the distribution of 6,994 vested stock units as shares of common stock. (Reporting person is deferring 6 stock units.)
- (4) Total reflects the distribution of 4,735 shares of common stock (net of taxes and deferral) resulting from the vesting of stock units.

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