

Potter Stephen N
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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 *
 Potter Stephen N

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 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/17/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP/President NTGI

CHICAGO, IL 60603

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/17/2008		M	4,428 A \$ 45.1563	32,301	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/17/2008		F	2,760 D \$ 72.435	29,541	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/17/2008		G	V 320 D \$ 0	29,221	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/17/2008		G	V 160 A \$ 0	1,040	I	Spouse as Trustee for Son
Common Stock	04/17/2008		G	V 160 A \$ 0	1,040	I	Spouse as Trustee

for
Daughter

Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	15,188	D	
Common Stock	8,323 <u>(2)</u>	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 (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)	
					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
					Code	V	(A)	(D)
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 41.1563	04/17/2008		M	4,428	05/13/2001 05/13/2009	Common Stock	4,428

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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50 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60603

EVP/President NTGI

Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen N. Potter

04/21/2008

 **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 03-31-08

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