

Potter Stephen N
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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)
 10/23/2009

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

CHICAGO, IL 60603

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 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 or Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/23/2009		F		1,178 D \$ 53.385	26,112 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/23/2009		F		491 D \$ 53.385	24,445 ⁽³⁾	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/23/2009		F		396 D \$ 53.385	23,101 ⁽⁴⁾	D
Common Stock						24,707 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	I By Trust
Common Stock						1,040	I Spouse as Trustee for Son

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- (1) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.

On October 23, 2009, 4,000 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 17, 2004, were distributed to the reporting person; 2,822 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 1,178 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.

- (2) On October 23, 2009, 1,667 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 15, 2005, were distributed to the reporting person; 1,176 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 491 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.

- (3) On October 23, 2009, 1,344 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 21, 2006, were distributed to the reporting person; 948 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 396 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.

- (4) as of 9-30-09

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