

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 4  
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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)  
10/24/2008

\_\_\_\_ 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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
			Code	V	Amount					
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/24/2008		F		82	D	\$ 48.82	15,106	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/24/2008		F		39	D	\$ 48.82	15,067 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock								31,301	I	By Trust
Common Stock								1,040	I	Spouse for Trustee of Son
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- (3) On October 24, 2008, 1,666 already reported and vested stock units, granted February 15, 2005, were distributed to reporting person 39 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal taxes and 1,627 stock unites were deferred.
- (4) as of 09-30-08

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