

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
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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 S. LA SALLE ST.  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/23/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/19/2007                           |  | G                              | V 785 D \$ 0  | 29,694  | I  | By Trust  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/23/2007                           |  | M                              | 13,110 A \$ 34.5938   | 42,804  | I  | By Trust  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/23/2007                           |  | F                              | 7,043 D \$ 64.385   | 35,761  | I  | By Trust  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 880   | I  | Spouse as Trustee for Daughter                        |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 880   | I  |   |

|                             |                      |   |        |                           |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|--------|---------------------------|
| Common Stock                |                      |   |        | Spouse as Trustee for Son |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | 19,188               | D |        |                           |
| Common Stock                | 8,301 <sup>(2)</sup> | 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 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |
| Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)       | \$ 34.5938   | 04/23/2007                           |  | M                              | 13,110  | 09/15/2000 09/15/2008                                    | Common Stock 13,  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships                    |
|---|----------------------------------|
|   | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Potter Stephen N<br>50 S. LA SALLE ST.<br>CHICAGO, IL 60603 | Executive Vice President         |

## Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen N. Potter 04/24/2007

\_\_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 3/31/07

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