

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 SMITHBURG WILLIAM D

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 LASALLE STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/31/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 7,647.22  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 4,200   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 4,100   | I  | By LLC                            |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Units                                | (2)  | 03/31/2008                           |  | A                              | 301   | (3) (3)  | Common Stock  | 301 \$ 0                                   |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITHBURG WILLIAM D  
50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET X  
CHICAGO, IL 60603

## Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for William D. Smithburg

04/02/2008

\_\_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) 1-for-1

(3) The stock units will be paid in cash to the Director upon termination of the Director's service on the Board.

(4) Stock units representing the deferral of a common stock grant (1997 Northern Trust Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors), deferral of the quarterly retainer, and deferral of board and committee fees pursuant to the Northern Trust Corporation Deferred Compensation Plans for Non-Employee Directors.

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