NORTHERN TRUST CORP

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * OSBORN WILLIAM A | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHERN TRUST CORP [NTRS] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|-------------------|----------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) 50 SOUTH L | (First) ASALLE S | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2008 | _X_ Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| CHICAGO, IL 60603 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | ole I - N | on-l | Derivative | Secur | ities Acquir | ed, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|------|---|---------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (Instr. | | 4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (| | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | | M | | 55,027 | A | \$ 34.5938 | 534,063 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | | G | V | 3,195 | D | \$ 0 | 530,868 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | | S | | 10,019 | D | \$ 71 | 520,849 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | | S | | 242 | D | \$ 71.005 | 520,607 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | | S | | 3,200 | D | \$ 71.01 | 517,407 | I | By Trust |

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| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 200 | D | \$ 71.015 | 517,207 | I | By Trust |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|---------------|---------|---|----------|
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 71.0175 | 517,107 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 2,185 | D | \$ 71.02 | 514,922 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 2,644 | D | \$ 71.03 | 512,278 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 258 | D | \$ 71.0375 | 512,020 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 71.04 | 510,520 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 3,342 | D | \$ 71.05 | 507,178 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 6 | D | \$ 71.0599 | 507,172 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 200 | D | \$ 71.06 | 506,972 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 71.065 | 506,872 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 500 | D | \$ 71.07 | 506,372 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 2,600 | D | \$ 71.08 | 503,772 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 2,992 | D | \$ 71.09 | 500,780 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 208 | D | \$ 71.1 | 500,572 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 71.105 | 500,472 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 71.11 | 500,372 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 71.1101 | 500,272 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 71.115 | 500,172 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 2,500 | D | \$ 71.12 | 497,672 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 71.125 | 497,572 | I | By Trust |
| | 01/25/2008 | S | 18 | D | | 497,554 | I | By Trust |

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ 71.1275 | | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|---------------|---------|---|----------|
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 2,515 | D | \$ 71.13 | 495,039 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 200 | D | \$ 71.1325 | 494,839 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 1,800 | D | \$ 71.14 | 493,039 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 71.145 | 492,939 | I | By Trust |

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number of | Date Exerci | sable and | 7. Title and A | Amou |
|----|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| D | erivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | orDerivative | Expiration Dat | te | Underlying S | Securi |
| S | ecurity | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Y | ear) | (Instr. 3 and | 4) |
| (I | nstr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Sl |
| S | mployee tock Option right-to-buy) | \$ 34.5938 | 01/25/2008 | | M | 55,027 | 09/15/2000 | 09/15/2008 | Common Stock | 55, |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| OSBORN WILLIAM A | | | | | | | |
| 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET | X | | Chairman of the Board | | | | |
| CHICAGO II 60603 | | | | | | | |

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Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki, Attorney-in-Fact for William A.
Osborn
01/29/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) This Form 4 is being filed as Part 1 and is continued on two additional Form 4s as Parts 2 and 3 (due to the thirty row maximum allowed on Table I)

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