

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 \*  
WADDELL FREDERICK H

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)  
10/22/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & President/C&IS

CHICAGO, IL 60675

(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	10/22/2004		M	8,508 A \$ 11.75	104,180	I	FHW Trust
Common Stock	10/22/2004		F	2,514 D \$ 39.755	101,666	I	FHW Trust
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/22/2004		F	2,945 <sub>(3)</sub> D \$ 39.755	40,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					108,721 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	FHW Trust
Common Stock					864	D	

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Common Stock	7,678	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	270	I	UTMA-Son
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Common Stock	15,133 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	401(k)
Common Stock	11,550 <sup>(6)</sup>	I	ESOP

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 11.75	10/22/2004		M	8,508	09/19/1997 09/19/2005	Common Stock	8,508

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WADDELL FREDERICK H 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60675			EVP & President/C&IS	

## Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for Frederick H.  
Waddell

10/26/2004

\_\_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) Total reflects distribution of 10,000 stock units as shares of common stock.
- (3) Stock units (2,945) withheld in payment of taxes resulting from the distribution of vested stock units as shares of common stock.
- (4) Total reflects the distribution of 7,055 stock units (net after taxes) as shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (5) as of 9/30/2004
- (6) as of 12/31/2003

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