

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 \*  
**PERO PERRY R**

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)  
Vice Chairman

**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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/22/2004		F	3,402 <sub>(2)</sub> D \$ 39.755	97,456 <sub>(3)</sub>	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2004		F	1,131 <sub>(4)</sub> D \$ 39.755	648,284 <sub>(5)</sub>	D	
Common Stock					89,821 <sub>(6)</sub>	I	401(k)
Common Stock					15,443 <sub>(7)</sub>	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)	10. Follow-up Report (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
PERO PERRY R 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60675	Vice Chairman

## Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for Perry  
R. Pero  
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) Stock units (3,402) withheld in payment of taxes due upon the vesting of 16,000 stock units. Reporting person is deferring receipt of 4,681 stock units and taking a distribution of the balance of 7,917 stock units.
- (3) Total represents the distribution of 11,319 stock units as described in Footnote 2.
- (4) Mature shares surrendered in payment of an additional 10 percent in taxes relating to the distribution of stock units as described in Footnote 2.
- (5) Total reflects the distribution of 7,917 stock units as shares of common stock as described in Footnote 2.
- (6) as of 09/30/2004

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(7) as of 12/31/2003

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