

Potter Stephen N
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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 *
 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 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/23/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP/President NTGI

CHICAGO, IL 60603

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 ⁽¹⁾	10/23/2009		F		1,178	D	\$ 53.385
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/23/2009		F		491	D	\$ 53.385
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/23/2009		F		396	D	\$ 53.385
Common Stock							24,707 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ ₍₄₎
Common Stock							1,040

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Common Stock	1,040	I	Spouse as Trustee for Daughter
Common Stock	8,335 ⁽⁵⁾	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (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
Potter Stephen N 50 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603			EVP/President NTGI	

Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen N. Potter
 10/27/2009
 **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).

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- (1) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.

On October 23, 2009, 4,000 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 17, 2004, were distributed to the reporting person; 2,822 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 1,178 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.

- (2) On October 23, 2009, 1,667 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 15, 2005, were distributed to the reporting person; 1,176 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 491 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.

- (3) On October 23, 2009, 1,344 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 21, 2006, were distributed to the reporting person; 948 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 396 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.

- (4) as of 9-30-09

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