

WADDELL FREDERICK H  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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. LASALLE STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/19/2012

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

CHICAGO, IL 60603

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/19/2012                           |  | M                              | V 11,024 (1) A \$ 32.615  | 80,272  | I  | By Trust                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/20/2012                           |  | G                              | V 1,860 D \$ 0  | 78,412  | I  | By Trust                                   |
| Common Stock (2)                |                                      |  |                                |   | 260,893   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 57,500 (3)  | I  | GRATs                                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 120   | D  |  |



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- (2) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (3) This amount of shares of the Corporation's common stock are being held in the reporting person's grantor retained annuity trust (GRAT). The reporting person has a beneficial ownership in this GRAT.
- (4) as of 3/31/12
- (5) The option became exercisable in three annual installments: 12,312 on February 18, 2004; 12,311 on February 18, 2005 and 12,311 on February 18, 2006.

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