#### NORTHERN TRUST CORP

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(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 S. LA SA	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/19/2007	_X_ Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO	
CHICAGO, I	(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned	

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - N	on-	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.	8)	4. Securition Disposition (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (		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)
Common Stock	04/19/2007		M	V	50,000	A	\$ 28.3125	517,631	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/19/2007		F		11,026	D	\$ 64.196	506,605	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/19/2007		M		2,890	A	\$ 34.5938	509,495	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/19/2007		G	V	6,240	D	\$ 0	503,255	I	By Trust
Common Stock								37,055	I	By Spouse

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Common Stock	400	I	Trustee for Mother's Trust
Common Stock (1)	380,177	D	
Common Stock	78,462 <u>(2)</u>	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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sl
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 28.3125	04/19/2007		M	50,000	09/16/1999	09/16/2007	Common Stock	50,
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 34.5938	04/19/2007		M	2,890	09/15/2000	09/15/2008	Common Stock	2,8

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
OSBORN WILLIAM A							
50 S. LA SALLE ST.	X		Chairman and CEO				
CHICAGO, IL 60603							

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## **Signatures**

Eileen C. Ratzka Attorney-in-Fact for William A.
Osborn
04/20/2007

\*\*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) as of 3/31/07

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