

Potter Stephen N  
Form 4  
October 27, 2009

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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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  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/23/2009		F	V Amount (D) Price 1,178 D \$ 53.385	26,112 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/23/2009		F	491 D \$ 53.385	24,445 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/23/2009		F	396 D \$ 53.385	23,101 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					24,707 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By Trust
Common Stock					1,040	I	Spouse as Trustee for Son

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Common Stock	1,040	I	Spouse as Trustee for Daughter
Common Stock	8,335 <sup>(5)</sup>	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 Beneficial Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title 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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