NORTHERN TRUST CORP

Form 4

February 17, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

NORTHERN TRUST CORP

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

Symbol

[NTRS]

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

WADDELL FREDERICK H

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(Last) 50 S. LA S.	(First) ALLE ST.	(Middle)	3. Date of Ea (Month/Day/ 02/15/200:			ransaction			Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & President/C&IS		
	(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		
CHICAGO, IL 60675									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - No	on-D	Derivative S	Securi	ities Ac	quired, Disposed	l of, or Benefi	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year		n Date, if	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securitin(A) or Dis(D) (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	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 (1)	02/15/2005			A		15,000	A	\$0	55,000	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2005			G	V	200	D	\$0	105,054	I	By Trust
Common Stock	02/16/2005			G	V	100	A	\$0	370	I	UTMA-Son
Common Stock	02/16/2005			G	V	100	A	\$ 0	370	I	By Son
Common Stock									864	D	

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Common Stock	14,475	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	15,176 <u>(2)</u>	I	401(k)
Common Stock	11,888 (2)	I	ESOP

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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 (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	re Expiration Date s (Month/Day/Year) l (A) sed of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	Date Exercisable D)	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Units	\$ 44.465	02/15/2005		A	75,000	03/31/2005	02/15/2015	Common Stock	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
noporomg o mac rumo, rauceos	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
WADDELL FREDERICK H 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60675			EVP & President/C&IS					
Signatures								

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for Frederick H. 02/17/2005 Waddell

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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 12/31/04

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