

ROBINSON VAN NESS D  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ROBINSON VAN NESS D  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2005

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
  
(check applicable line)

NORWICH, NY 13815

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12/31/2005		J	82.775 A	\$ 0 (1) 5,145.938	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock					888,471	I	by Corporation

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.3492	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/28/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/28/2012	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.6008	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/01/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.7492	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/01/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/01/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1388	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/01/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.2708	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/20/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROBINSON VAN NESS D 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815	X	^	^	^

## Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Van Ness D.  
Robinson

02/10/2006

\_\_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) Shares acquired under NBT Bancorp Dividend Reinvestment Plan during period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 at prices ranging from \$23.0588 to \$23.8424 per share.
- (2) Pursuant to NBT Non-Employee Director, Divisional Director and Subsidiary Director Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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