

OSBORN WILLIAM A
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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 *
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) (First) (Middle)
50 S. LA SALLE ST.

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/20/2006

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
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(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)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/20/2006		M		46,468	A	\$ 28.3125	494,003	I	By Trust
Common Stock	10/20/2006		F		9,256	D	\$ 57.185	484,747	I	By Trust
Common Stock	10/20/2006		G	V	4,382	D	\$ 0	480,365	I	By Trust
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/20/2006		F		515 ⁽²⁾	D	\$ 57.185	380,177	D	
Common Stock								78,445 ⁽³⁾	I	401(K)

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Common Stock	37,055	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	400	I	Trustee of Mother's Trust

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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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 28.3125	10/20/2006		M	46,468	09/16/1999	09/16/2007	Common Stock	46,468

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for William A. Osborn
10/24/2006

****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) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.

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- (2) 515 stock units withheld in payment of the taxes due upon the vesting of 22,000 stock units. Reporting person is deferring the distribution of 21,485 stock units.
- (3) asof 9-30-06

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