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(Mark One)

## p QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008

## OR

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

## For the transition period from

$\qquad$ to $\qquad$ .
Commission file number: 000-16084
CITIZENS \& NORTHERN CORPORATION
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

## PENNSYLVANIA

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

23-2451943
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

90-92 MAIN STREET, WELLSBORO, PA 16901
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)
570-724-3411
(Registrant s telephone number including area code)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes p No o Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer p Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No $p$
Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common Stock (\$1.00 par value) 8,968,179 Shares Outstanding on May 2, 2008

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(In Thousands Except Share Data)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2008 \\ \text { (Unaudited) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2007 \\ \text { (Note) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Cash and due from banks: |  |  |
| Noninterest-bearing | \$ 24,079 | \$ 21,892 |
| Interest-bearing | 13,400 | 9,769 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 37,479 | 31,661 |
| Trading securities | 5,350 | 2,980 |
| Available-for-sale securities | 423,235 | 432,755 |
| Held-to-maturity securities | 408 | 409 |
| Loans, net | 720,928 | 727,082 |
| Bank-owned life insurance | 21,737 | 21,539 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 5,928 | 5,714 |
| Bank premises and equipment, net | 27,360 | 27,796 |
| Foreclosed assets held for sale | 196 | 258 |
| Intangible asset Core deposit intangibles | 1,240 | 1,378 |
| Intangible asset Goodwill | 12,032 | 12,032 |
| Other assets | 24,404 | 20,142 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$1,280,297 | \$ 1,283,746 |
| LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Deposits: |  |  |
| Noninterest-bearing | \$ 123,383 | \$ 125,485 |
| Interest-bearing | 719,501 | 713,018 |
| Total deposits | 842,884 | 838,503 |
| Dividends payable | 2,151 | 2,134 |
| Short-term borrowings | 41,895 | 40,678 |
| Long-term borrowings | 255,073 | 259,454 |
| Accrued interest and other liabilities | 6,580 | 5,196 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 1,148,583 | 1,145,965 |
| STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY |  |  |
| Common stock, par value \$1.00 per share; authorized 20,000,000 shares in |  |  |
| 2008 and 2007; issued 9,284,148 in 2008 and 9,193,192 in 2007 | 9,284 | 9,193 |
| Stock dividend distributable |  | 1,571 |
| Paid-in capital | 44,083 | 42,494 |


| Retained earnings | 97,230 | 96,628 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unamortized stock compensation | (122) | (56) |
| Treasury stock, at cost; 322,662 shares at March 31, 2008 and 303,058 shares at December 31, 2007 | $(5,350)$ | $(4,992)$ |
| Sub-total | 145,125 | 144,838 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss: |  |  |
| Unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities | $(13,012)$ | $(6,654)$ |
| Defined benefit plans | (399) | (403) |
| Total accumulated other comprehensive loss | $(13,411)$ | $(7,057)$ |
| TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | 131,714 | 137,781 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES \& STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | \$ 1,280,297 | \$ 1,283,746 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Note: The balance sheet at December 31, 2007 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include all the information and notes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

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## CITIZENS \& NORTHERN CORPORATION FORM 10-Q <br> CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME <br> (In Thousands, Except Per Share Data) (Unaudited)

|  | 3 Months Ended |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| INTEREST INCOME |  |  |  |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 12,312 | \$ | 11,281 |
| Interest on balances with depository institutions | 13 |  | 26 |
| Interest on loans to political subdivisions | 365 |  | 344 |
| Interest on federal funds sold | 50 |  | 101 |
| Interest on trading securities | 33 |  | 3 |
| Income from available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities: |  |  |  |
| Taxable | 4,991 |  | 3,497 |
| Tax-exempt | 703 |  | 727 |
| Dividends | 233 |  | 264 |
| Total interest and dividend income | 18,700 |  | 16,243 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE |  |  |  |
| Interest on deposits | 5,627 |  | 5,890 |
| Interest on short-term borrowings | 306 |  | 475 |
| Interest on long-term borrowings | 2,723 |  | 1,635 |
| Total interest expense | 8,656 |  | 8,000 |
| Interest margin | 10,044 |  | 8,243 |
| Provision for loan losses | 904 |  | 229 |
| Interest margin after provision for loan losses | 9,140 |  | 8,014 |
| OTHER INCOME |  |  |  |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | 946 |  | 482 |
| Service charges and fees | 174 |  | 142 |
| Trust and financial management revenue | 877 |  | 682 |
| Insurance commissions, fees and premiums | 72 |  | 116 |
| Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance | 198 |  | 145 |
| Other operating income | 1,220 |  | 521 |
| Total other income before realized (losses) gains on available-for-sale securities, net | 3,487 |  | 2,088 |
| Realized (losses) gains on available-for-sale securities, net | (110) |  | 1,161 |
| Total other income | 3,377 |  | 3,249 |
| OTHER EXPENSES |  |  |  |
| Salaries and wages | 3,691 |  | 3,595 |
| Pensions and other employee benefits | 1,151 |  | 1,185 |


| Occupancy expense, net |  |  | 754 |  | 626 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Furniture and equipment expense |  |  | 648 |  | 645 |
| Pennsylvania shares tax |  |  | 292 |  | 236 |
| Other operating expense |  |  | 1,928 |  | 1,960 |
| Total other expenses |  |  | 8,464 |  | 8,247 |
| Income before income tax provision |  |  | 4,053 |  | 3,016 |
| Income tax provision |  |  | 937 |  | 558 |
| NET INCOME |  | \$ | 3,116 | \$ | 2,458 |
| PER SHARE DATA: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income basic |  | \$ | 0.35 | \$ | 0.29 |
| Net income diluted |  | \$ | 0.35 | \$ | 0.29 |
| Dividend per share |  | \$ | 0.24 | \$ | 0.24 |
| Number of shares used in computation | basic |  | 7,407 | $\begin{aligned} & 8,376,139 \\ & 8,394,165 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Number of shares used in computation | diluted |  | 1,327 |  |  |
| The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. |  |  |  |  |  |

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## CITIZENS \& NORTHERN CORPORATION FORM 10-Q <br> CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS <br> (In Thousands) (Unaudited)

|  | 3 Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. 31, } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. 31, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |
| Net income | \$ 3,116 | \$ 2,458 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |
| Provision for loan losses | 904 | 229 |
| Realized losses (gains) on available-for-sale securities, net | 110 | $(1,161)$ |
| Gain on sale of foreclosed assets, net | (34) | (10) |
| Depreciation expense | 719 | 642 |
| Accretion and amortization on securities, net | 119 | 114 |
| Accretion and amortization on loans, deposits and borrowings, net | (104) |  |
| Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance | (198) | (145) |
| Stock-based compensation | 142 | 103 |
| Amortization of core deposit intangibles | 138 | 21 |
| Net increase in trading securities | $(2,370)$ |  |
| Increase in accrued interest receivable and other assets | $(2,123)$ | $(1,712)$ |
| Increase in accrued interest payable and other liabilities | 1,055 | 567 |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | 1,474 | 1,106 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |
| Proceeds from maturity of held-to-maturity securities | 1 | 1 |
| Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities | 6,692 | 16,709 |
| Proceeds from calls and maturities of available-for-sale securities | 18,431 | 8,557 |
| Purchase of available-for-sale securities | $(25,463)$ | $(10,871)$ |
| Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh stock | (283) | (312) |
| Redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh stock | 1,164 | 1,182 |
| Net decrease (increase) in loans | 5,144 | $(8,779)$ |
| Purchase of premises and equipment | (283) | (600) |
| Return of principal on limited partnership investment | 9 |  |
| Proceeds from sale of foreclosed assets | 259 | 75 |
| Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities | 5,671 | 5,962 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |
| Net increase in deposits | 4,372 | 9,809 |
| Net increase in short-term borrowings | 1,217 | 9,709 |
| Proceeds from long-term borrowings | 10,000 |  |
| Repayments of long-term borrowings | $(14,325)$ | $(27,880)$ |
| Purchase of treasury stock | (440) | (404) |
| Sale of treasury stock |  | 75 |
| Dividends paid | $(2,151)$ | $(1,988)$ |

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities ..... $(1,327)$ ..... $(10,679)$
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS ..... 5,818 ..... $(3,611)$
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR ..... 31,661 ..... 27,159
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD ..... \$ 37,479 ..... \$ 23,548
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:
Assets acquired through foreclosure of real estate loans ..... \$ 163 ..... \$ 189
Interest paid\$ 8,731\$ 8,078
Income taxes paid ..... \$ 362 ..... \$ 10The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

1. BASIS OF INTERIM PRESENTATION

The financial information included herein, with the exception of the consolidated balance sheet dated December 31, 2007, is unaudited; however, such information reflects all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring adjustments) that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods.
Results reported for the three months ended March 31, 2008 might not be indicative of the results for the year ending December 31, 2008.
This document has not been reviewed or confirmed for accuracy or relevance by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other regulatory agency.

## 2. PER SHARE DATA

Net income per share is based on the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding. The number of shares used in calculating net income and cash dividends per share reflect the retroactive effect of stock dividends for all periods presented. The following data shows the amounts used in computing net income per share and the weighted average number of shares of dilutive stock options. As shown in the table that follows, diluted earnings per share is computed using weighted average common shares outstanding, plus weighted-average common shares available from the exercise of all dilutive stock options, less the number of shares that could be repurchased with the proceeds of stock option exercises based on the average share price of the Corporation s common stock during the period.

|  | Net Income | WeightedAverage Common Shares | Earnings <br> Per <br> Share |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quarter Ended March 31, 2008 |  |  |  |  |
| Earnings per share basic | \$3,116,000 | 8,974,407 | \$ | 0.35 |
| Dilutive effect of potential common stock arising from stock options: |  |  |  |  |
| Exercise of outstanding stock options |  | 148,788 |  |  |
| Hypothetical share repurchase at \$19.31 |  | $(131,868)$ |  |  |
| Earnings per share diluted | \$3,116,000 | 8,991,327 | \$ | 0.35 |
| Quarter Ended March 31, 2007 |  |  |  |  |
| Earnings per share basic | \$2,458,000 | 8,376,139 | \$ | 0.29 |
| Dilutive effect of potential common stock arising from stock options: |  |  |  |  |
| Exercise of outstanding stock options |  | 111,900 |  |  |
| Hypothetical share repurchase at \$21.87 |  | $(93,874)$ |  |  |
| Earnings per share diluted | \$2,458,000 | 8,394,165 | \$ | 0.29 |

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3. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Comprehensive income is the total of (1) net income, and (2) all other changes in equity from non-stockholder sources, which are referred to as other comprehensive income. The components of comprehensive (loss) income, and the related tax effects, are as follows:


|  | March 31, 2008 <br> Gross <br> Gross <br> Unrealized <br> Unrealized <br> Holding |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |

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| Collateralized mortgage obligations | 68,777 | 332 | $(1,207)$ | 67,902 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Other securities | 104,851 | 292 | $(17,537)$ | 87,606 |
| Total debt securities | 420,149 | 3,535 | $(23,678)$ | 400,006 |
| Marketable equity securities | 22,795 | 2,984 | $(2,550)$ | 23,229 |
| Total | $\$ 442,944$ | $\$ 6,519$ | $\$(26,228)$ | $\$ 423,235$ |

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|  | Amortized Cost | March 31, 2008 |  | Fair <br> Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Gross | Gross |  |
|  |  |  | Unrealized |  |
| (In Thousands) |  | Gains | Losses |  |
| HELD-TO-MATURITY SECURITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Obligations of the U.S. Treasury | \$306 | \$ 20 | \$ | \$326 |
| Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies | 99 | 7 |  | 106 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 3 |  |  | 3 |
| Total | \$408 | \$ 27 | \$ | \$435 |

The following table presents gross unrealized losses and fair value of available-for-sale investments aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at March 31, 2008.

| March 31, 2008 <br> (In Thousands) | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses | Fair <br> Value | Unrealized Losses | Fair <br> Value | Unrealized Losses |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SECURITIES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Obligations of other U.S. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government agencies | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Obligations of states and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 32,586 | (2,968 | 13,672 | $(1,714)$ | 46,258 | $(4,682)$ |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 17,277 | (133) | 7,954 | (119) | 25,231 | (252) |
| Collateralized mortgage |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| obligations | 18,979 | (259) | 20,619 | (948) | 39,598 | $(1,207)$ |
| Other securities | 52,997 | $(11,429)$ | 25,208 | $(6,108)$ | 78,205 | $(17,537)$ |
| Total debt securities | 121,839 | $(14,789)$ | 67,453 | $(8,889)$ | 189,292 | $(23,678)$ |
| Marketable equity securities | 6,371 | $(1,280)$ | 3,982 | $(1,270)$ | 10,353 | $(2,550)$ |
| Total temporarily impaired available-for-sale securities | \$128,210 | \$(16,069) | \$71,435 | \$(10,159) | \$ 199,645 | \$(26,228) |
| Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market conditions warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Corporation to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In addition to the effects of volatility in interest rates on individual debt securities, management believes valuations of debt securities at March 31, 2008 have been negatively impacted by events affecting the overall credit markets during the last quarter of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008. There have been widespread disruptions to the normal operation of bond markets. Particularly with regard to trust-preferred securities (which comprise most of the balance in Other securities in the table above), trading volume has been limited and consisted almost entirely of sales by distressed sellers. As a result, quoted market prices on many securities have been substantially depressed without regard to the |  |  |  |  |  |  |

attributes specific to each security.
Although not directly related to the specific securities held by the Corporation, these events have been impacting market prices for municipal bonds and trust-preferred securities. Management believes municipal bond valuations have been negatively impacted by reported financial problems by some of the largest companies that insure municipal bond offerings. Trust-preferred securities are very long-term (usually 30 -year maturity) instruments with characteristics of both debt and equity, mainly issued by banks. Most of the Corporation s investments in trust-preferred securities are of pooled issues, each made up of 30 or more companies with geographic and size diversification. Almost all of the Corporation s pooled trust-preferred securities are comprised of debt issued by banking companies, with lesser amounts issued by insurance companies and real estate investment trusts. Management believes trust-preferred valuations have been negatively affected by concerns that the underlying banks

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and other companies may have significant exposure to losses from sub-prime mortgages, defaulted collateralized debt obligations or other concerns. In the first quarter of 2008, management has reviewed and discussed the Corporation s individual holdings of municipal bonds and trust-preferred securities with its investment advisors, and has concluded that no downgrades or deterioration in the credit quality of the securities have occurred that would warrant an other-than-temporary impairment charge to the income statement. Based on the Corporation s ability and intent to hold its debt securities for the foreseeable future, and management $s$ assessment of the creditworthiness of the issuers, management believes the Corporation s debt securities at March 31, 2008 were not other-than-temporarily impaired. Unrealized losses on marketable equity securities are mainly from investments in common stocks of banking corporations. Management believes that recent declines in market prices of many bank stocks have been caused by media reports regarding sub-prime mortgage losses and similar events that have mainly affected mortgage banking operations and very large financial institutions.
Management evaluated equity securities held as of March 31, 2008. Upon evaluation, it was determined that an equity security issued by a regional banking corporation was other-than-temporarily impaired. The investment was written down to the current market value at March 31, 2008, and the Corporation recognized a pretax loss of $\$ 249,000$. Management believes the impairment of the Corporation s other marketable equity securities to be temporary.

## 5. ASSETS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE ON A RECURRING BASIS

The Corporation measures certain assets at fair value on a recurring basis. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value that includes a hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used in determining valuations into three levels. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:
Level 1 Fair value is based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the Corporation for identical assets. These generally provide the most reliable evidence and are used to measure fair value whenever available.
Level 2 Fair value is based on significant inputs, other than Level 1 inputs, that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset through corroboration with observable market data. Level 2 inputs include quoted market prices in active markets for similar assets, quoted market prices in markets that are not active for identical or similar assets and other observable inputs.
Level 3 Fair value would be based on significant unobservable inputs. Examples of valuation methodologies that would result in Level 3 classification include option pricing models, discounted cash flows and other similar techniques.
At March 31, 2008, assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the valuation methods used are as follows:


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Total debt securities
400,006 400,006
Marketable equity securities

23,229
23,229

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## 6. DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

The Corporation has a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan for all employees meeting certain age and length of service requirements. Benefits are based primarily on years of service and the average annual compensation during the highest five consecutive years within the final ten years of employment.
On October 18, 2007, the Corporation s Board of Directors adopted amendments to the defined benefit pension plan to freeze and terminate the Plan, effective December 31, 2007. The Corporation expects to fund and settle its obligations under the Plan sometime in 2008.
In addition, the Corporation sponsors a defined benefit health care plan that provides postretirement medical benefits and life insurance to employees who meet certain age and length of service requirements. This plan contains a cost-sharing feature, which causes participants to pay for all future increases in costs related to benefit coverage. Accordingly, actuarial assumptions related to health care cost trend rates do not affect the liability balance at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, and will not affect the Corporation s future expenses.
The Corporation uses a December 31 measurement date for its plans. In 2007, the Corporation assumed the Citizens Trust Company Retirement Plan, a defined benefit pension plan for which benefit accruals and participation were frozen in 2002. The Corporation used a September 30 measurement date for this plan in 2007, and will change to a December 31 measurement date in 2008. The Citizens Trust Company Retirement Plan is not significant in comparison to the other defined benefit plans, and information related to that plan is not included in the table that follows.
The components of net periodic benefit costs from these defined benefit plans are as follows:

| Defined Benefit Plans | March 31, |  | March 31, |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (In Thousands) | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| Service cost | $\$ 10$ | $\$ 171$ | $\$ 17$ | $\$ 18$ |
| Interest cost | 149 | 175 | 20 | 17 |
| Expected return on plan assets | $(77)$ | $(230)$ |  |  |
| Amortization of transition (asset) obligation | $(6)$ | $(6)$ | 9 | 9 |
| Amortization of prior service cost |  | 2 | 2 |  |
| Recognized net actuarial loss |  | 11 |  | 1 |
| Net periodic benefit cost | $\$ 76$ | $\$ 123$ | $\$ 48$ | $\$ 45$ |

The Corporation has not made a contribution to the defined benefit pension plan in the first quarter 2008, and the timing and amount of its contribution in 2008 will depend on requirements to fund its final obligations under the terminated plan. At this time, the Corporation cannot estimate the amount of contribution required for the defined benefit pension plan in 2008. In the first quarter 2008, the Corporation funded postretirement contributions totaling $\$ 15,000$, with estimated annual postretirement contributions of $\$ 51,000$ expected in 2008 for the full year.

## 7. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION PLANS

In January 2008, the Corporation granted options to purchase a total of 83,257 shares of common stock through its Stock Incentive and Independent Directors Stock Incentive Plans. In January 2007, the Corporation granted options

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to purchase a total of 43,385 shares of common stock. The exercise price for the 2008 awards is $\$ 17.50$ per share, and the exercise price for the 2007 awards is $\$ 22.325$ per share, based on the market price as of the date of each grant. The Corporation records stock option expense based on estimated fair value calculated using an option valuation model. The Corporation recorded total stock option expense of $\$ 118,000$ in the first quarter 2008 and $\$ 79,000$ in the first quarter 2007. The Corporation expects total stock option expense for the year ending December 31, 2008 to be approximately $\$ 209,000$, and total stock option expense for the year ended December 31, 2007 was $\$ 156,000$.

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In calculating the fair value, the Corporation utilized the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The calculated fair value of each option granted, and significant assumptions used in the calculations, are as follows:

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Fair value of each option granted | $\$ 3.15$ | $\$ 4.46$ |
| Volatility | $23 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Expected option lives | 9 Years | 8 Years |
| Risk-free interest rate | $4.05 \%$ | $4.69 \%$ |
| Dividend yield | $3.74 \%$ | $3.61 \%$ |

In calculating the estimated fair value of stock option awards, management based its estimates of volatility and dividend yield on the Corporation s experience over the immediately prior period of time consistent with the estimated lives of the options. The risk-free interest rate was based on the published yield of zero-coupon U.S. Treasury strips with an applicable maturity as of the grant dates. The 9 -year expected option life used for 2008 awards, and 8 -year expected option life used for 2007 awards, were based on management s estimates of the average term for all options issued under both plans. For the 2008 and 2007 awards, management assumed a $23 \%$ forfeiture rate for options granted under the Stock Incentive Plan, and a $0 \%$ forfeiture rate for the Directors Stock Incentive Plan. These estimated forfeiture rates were determined based on the Corporation s historical experience.
Also, the Corporation awarded a total of 5,062 shares in January 2008 and 6,529 shares in January 2007 of restricted stock under the Stock Incentive and Independent Directors Stock Incentive Plans. Compensation cost related to restricted stock is recognized based on the market price of the stock at the grant date over the vesting period. Total restricted stock expense amounted to $\$ 24,000$ in the first quarters of 2008 and 2007.

## 8. CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, the Corporation may be subject to pending and threatened lawsuits in which claims for monetary damages could be asserted. In management s opinion, the Corporation sfinancial position and results of operations would not be materially affected by the outcome of such pending legal proceedings.

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Certain statements in this section and elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q are forward-looking statements. Citizens \& Northern Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, the Corporation) intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements, which are not historical facts, are based on certain assumptions and describe future plans, business objectives and expectations, and are generally identifiable by the use of words such as, should , likely , expect , plan , anticipate , target , forecast, and goal . These forwa statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict, may be beyond management s control and could cause results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors which could have a material, adverse impact on the operations and future prospects of the Corporation include, but are not limited to, the following:
changes in monetary and fiscal policies of the Federal Reserve Board and the U. S. Government, particularly related
to changes in interest rates
changes in general economic conditions
legislative or regulatory changes
downturn in demand for loan, deposit and other financial services in the Corporation s market area
increased competition from other banks and non-bank providers of financial services
technological changes and increased technology-related costs
changes in accounting principles, or the application of generally accepted accounting principles.
These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements.

## REFERENCES TO 2008 AND 2007

Unless otherwise noted, all references to 2008 in the following discussion of operating results are intended to mean the three months ended March 31, 2008, and similarly, references to 2007 relate to the three months ended March 31, 2007.

## EARNINGS OVERVIEW

Net income in 2008 was $\$ 3,116,000$, or $\$ 0.35$ per share basic and diluted. First quarter 2008 earnings per share were $20.7 \%$ higher than first quarter 2007 results of $\$ 0.29$ per share basic and diluted, or $\$ 2,458,000$. Net income per share basic and diluted was unchanged at $\$ 0.35$ per share from the fourth quarter 2007, when net income totaled $\$ 3,182,000$. Return on average assets was $0.98 \%$ in 2008, up from $0.88 \%$ in 2007. Return on average equity was $8.99 \%$ for 2008, up from $7.50 \%$ in 2007.
The most significant changes in the components of earnings for the first quarter 2008, as compared to the first quarter 2007, were as follows:

The interest margin increased $\$ 1,801,000$, or $21.8 \%$. The improved interest margin includes the impact of the Citizens Bancorp, Inc. acquisition, which included its wholly-owned banking subsidiary, Citizens Trust Company. The acquisition was effective May 1, 2007, and increased outstanding loans and provided deposits and other funding. The interest margin has also been positively impacted by lower short-term market interest rates, which have reduced interest rates paid on deposits and borrowings, and by higher earnings on the investment portfolio resulting from higher average holdings of securities.
Noninterest income increased $\$ 1,399,000$, or $67.0 \%$. In the first quarter 2008, noninterest income included a gain of $\$ 533,000$ from redemption of restricted shares of Visa, resulting from Visa s initial public offering. Noninterest income in the first quarter 2008 also included an increase of $\$ 464,000$, or $96.3 \%$, in service charges on deposit accounts, primarily from growth in deposit volumes from the Citizens Bancorp acquisition, as well as higher fees on overdrafts associated with a new overdraft privilege program implemented in the

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first quarter 2008. Trust and Financial Management revenue increased $\$ 195,000$, or $28.6 \%$, mainly as a result of the addition of Citizens Bancorp.
In the first quarter 2008, net realized losses from available-for-sale securities amounted to $\$ 110,000$, as compared to net realized gains of $\$ 1,161,000$ in the first quarter 2007. In the first quarter 2008, C\&N recognized an impairment charge of $\$ 249,000$ on an investment in the stock of a commercial banking company. In the first quarter 2007, C\&N realized significant gains from sales of bank stocks. The provision for loan losses was $\$ 904,000$ in the first quarter 2008, an increase of $\$ 675,000$. The comparatively high loan loss provision in the first quarter 2008 resulted mainly from estimated losses on loans to two commercial borrowers.
Noninterest expense increased $\$ 217,000$, or $2.6 \%$. The increase in total noninterest expense included the impact of the Citizens Bancorp acquisition, with additional personnel and other costs associated with adding three locations that were not included in the Corporation s activities in the first quarter 2007.
The provision for income taxes was $\$ 379,000$ higher, mainly because of a higher level of pre-tax income.
TABLE I QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (In Thousands)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. 31, } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. 31, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. 30, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June 30, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. 31, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest income | \$18,700 | \$18,228 | \$ 18,058 | \$17,692 | \$16,243 |
| Interest expense | 8,656 | 8,679 | 8,551 | 8,679 | 8,000 |
| Interest margin | 10,044 | 9,549 | 9,507 | 9,013 | 8,243 |
| Provision for loan losses | 904 | 300 |  |  | 229 |
| Interest margin after provision for |  |  |  |  |  |
| loan losses | 9,140 | 9,249 | 9,507 | 9,013 | 8,014 |
| Other income | 3,487 | 2,831 | 2,877 | 2,644 | 2,088 |
| Net (losses) gains on available-for-sale securities | (110) | 206 | (68) | $(1,172)$ | 1,161 |
| Other expenses | 8,464 | 8,156 | 8,691 | 8,189 | 8,247 |
| Income before income tax provision | 4,053 | 4,130 | 3,625 | 2,296 | 3,016 |
| Income tax provision | 937 | 948 | 777 | 360 | 558 |
| Net income | \$ 3,116 | \$ 3,182 | \$ 2,848 | \$ 1,936 | \$ 2,458 |
| Net income per share basic | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.29 |
| Net income per share diluted | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.29 |

The number of shares used in calculating net income per share for each quarter presented in Table I reflects the retroactive effect of stock dividends.

## Prospects for the Remainder of 2008

Management remains cautiously optimistic about the Corporation s earnings prospects in 2008. Unlike most of 2005-2007, the yield curve has a positive shape, meaning that long-term rates are higher than short-term rates. As described in more detail in Item 3, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, the Corporation is liability sensitive, meaning that its sources of funds (mainly deposits and borrowings) tend to re-price more quickly on average when interest rates change than do its earning assets (mainly loans and available-for-sale debt securities). Accordingly, the Corporation tends to generate lower earnings when short-term interest rates rise and higher earnings
when short-term rates fall. With recent reductions in the Fed Funds target rate (which has fallen from $5.25 \%$ in August 2007 to its mid-April 2008 level of $2.25 \%$ ), the Corporation has experienced some recent reductions in its cost of funds and improvement in its net interest margin.
The addition of Citizens Bancorp, Inc. is expected to be accretive to earnings in 2008, and inclusion of those operations for the full year in 2008 (as opposed to eight months in 2007) will lead to higher reported levels of 15

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revenues and expenses. The addition of the Citizens Trust Company trust department has contributed significantly to growth in trust assets under management and revenue, and management expects continued strong trust revenue performance over the remainder of 2008.
In January 2008, the Corporation implemented an overdraft privilege program. This program is designed to provide customers an opportunity to have checks paid that would otherwise have been returned, and to avoid charges from merchants and other payees. As described later in the Earnings Overview section of Management s Discussion and Analysis, the Corporation generated a significant increase in noninterest revenue as a result of implementing the overdraft privilege program in the first quarter 2008, and management expects to continue that trend for the remainder of the year.
In the second quarter 2008, consultants will begin working with the Corporation s management and employees to identify opportunities for further improvements in earnings. Although there can be no guarantee that improvements will result, the consultants focus will be on identifying opportunities for revenue enhancements and reductions in expenses through improved efficiencies.
The provision for loan losses for the first quarter 2008 was $\$ 904,000$, a level much higher than management anticipated going into the year. In comparison, the annual provision for loan losses was $\$ 529,000$ in 2007, $\$ 672,000$ in 2006 and $\$ 2,026,000$ in 2005. The comparatively high loan loss provision in the first quarter 2008 resulted from circumstances related to two large commercial loan relationships. Issues related to its larger commercial borrowers significantly affect the Corporation s provision for loan losses in any particular period. Accordingly, the amount of loan loss provision for the remainder of 2008 will depend substantially on the credit status of the commercial portfolio. Although management is concerned about reports that the national economy is in or near recessionary status, to date the Corporation has not experienced significant deterioration in loan delinquencies, nor a noticeable change in volume of activity related to troubled debts or foreclosures. The Corporation has not originated interest only mortgages, loans without documentation of the borrowers sources of income or net worth, or other types of exotic mortgage loans that have received negative publicity in the last several months of 2007 and early 2008.
Benefits under the Corporation s defined benefit pension plan were frozen, and a decision was made to terminate the Plan, effective December 31, 2007. The Corporation will record a realized loss from settlement of the defined benefit pension plan at the time it funds the final amounts necessary to extinguish its obligations under the Plan. The amount of settlement loss, which management expects will be incurred in 2008, has not yet been finally determined; however, management estimates a settlement loss in the income statement from termination of the plan in 2008 in an amount ranging from $\$ 500,000$ to $\$ 1,000,000$. As reflected in Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements, in the first quarter 2008, the Corporation recorded expense from the defined benefit plan of $\$ 76,000$. For the year ended December 31, 2007, when a significant amount of service cost was still accruing, expense from the defined benefit plan (excluding a loss from curtailment of $\$ 77,000$ ) totaled $\$ 495,000$. Also in the first quarter 2008, employer matching contributions under the Corporation s Employee Savings \& Retirement Plan (a 401(k) plan), were increased, which will result in an estimated increase in expense of $\$ 150,000$ for the year. Going forward after termination and settlement of the Plan, management expects the net impact of terminating the defined benefit plan and increasing the Savings \& Retirement Plan contributions to be lower ongoing employee benefit expenses.
Another major variable that affects the Corporation searnings is securities gains and losses. Management s decisions regarding sales of securities are based on a variety of factors, with the overall goal of maximizing portfolio return over a long-term horizon. Throughout the first several years of this decade, the Corporation realized substantial gains from sales of bank stocks. From 2002-2006, the Corporation reported average annual realized gains from available-for-sale securities of $\$ 3,631,000$. That trend continued in the first quarter 2007, as realized gains from available-for-sale securities totaled $\$ 1,161,000$. However, in the second and third quarters of 2007, the Corporation restructured the debt securities portfolio, resulting in realized losses in excess of $\$ 2$ million. For the year ended December 31, 2007, net realized gains from available-for-sale securities totaled $\$ 127,000$. In the first quarter 2008, the Corporation reported net realized losses from available-for-sale securities of $\$ 110,000$, including the effect of writing down an impaired bank stock by $\$ 249,000$. Recently, market valuations of most financial stocks have been depressed, with some of the nation s largest financial institutions reporting net losses in 2007 and the first quarter 2008, triggered by write-offs of
sub-prime mortgages, collateralized debt obligations and other investments. Management believes this valuation issue to be cyclical; however, opportunities for realized gains from bank stocks are expected to be limited in 2008. Further, as discussed in more detail in Note 4 to the financial statements, the Corporation has significant unrealized losses on its holdings of municipal bonds, trust-preferred securities and some of its bank stocks as of March 31, 2008. Management has discussed the Corporation sindividual holdings of municipal bonds and trust-preferred securities with its investment advisors, and has concluded that no downgrades or deterioration in the credit quality of the securities has occurred that would warrant an other-than-temporary

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impairment charge to the income statement. Also, management has reviewed its holdings of bank stocks as of March 31, 2008, and concluded that with the exception of the security that was written down through earnings none of them were other-than-temporarily
impaired. Management will continue to closely monitor the status of impaired securities throughout 2008.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect many of the reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from these estimates.
A material estimate that is particularly susceptible to significant change is the determination of the allowance for loan losses. Management believes that the allowance for loan losses is adequate and reasonable. The Corporation s methodology for determining the allowance for loan losses is described in a separate section later in Management s Discussion and Analysis. Given the very subjective nature of identifying and valuing loan losses, it is likely that well-informed individuals could make materially different assumptions, and could, therefore, calculate a materially different allowance value. While management uses available information to recognize losses on loans, changes in economic conditions may necessitate revisions in future years. In addition, various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the Corporation s allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may require the Corporation to recognize adjustments to the allowance based on their judgments of information available to them at the time of their examination.
Another material estimate is the calculation of fair values of the Corporation s debt securities. The Corporation receives estimated fair values of debt securities from an independent valuation service, or from brokers. In developing these fair values, the valuation service and the brokers use estimates of cash flows, based on historical performance of similar instruments in similar interest rate environments. Based on experience, management is aware that estimated fair values of debt securities tend to vary among brokers and other valuation services. Accordingly, when selling debt securities, management typically obtains price quotes from more than one source. The large majority of the Corporation s securities are classified as available-for-sale. Accordingly, these securities are carried at fair value on the consolidated balance sheet, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported separately through accumulated other comprehensive income (included in stockholders equity).

## NET INTEREST MARGIN

The Corporation s primary source of operating income is represented by the net interest margin. The net interest margin is equal to the difference between the amounts of interest income and interest expense. Tables II, III and IV include information regarding the Corporation s net interest margin for 2008 and 2007. In each of these tables, the amounts of interest income earned on tax-exempt securities and loans have been adjusted to a fully taxable-equivalent basis. Accordingly, the net interest margin amounts reflected in these tables exceed the amounts presented in the consolidated financial statements. The discussion that follows is based on amounts in the related Tables. The fully taxable equivalent net interest margin was $\$ 10,542,000$ in $2008, \$ 1,818,000(20.8 \%)$ higher than in 2007 . As shown in Table IV, net increases in volume had the effect of increasing net interest income \$939,000 in 2008 over 2007, and interest rate changes had the effect of increasing net interest income $\$ 879,000$. Increases in volume of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities were significantly affected by the acquisition of Citizens Trust Company on May 1, 2007. The most significant components of the volume changes in interest income in 2008 were an increase of $\$ 1,357,000$ attributable to growth in the available-for-sale securities portfolio and an increase of $\$ 921,000$ attributable to loan growth. The most significant volume change in interest expense in 2008 was an increase of $\$ 935,000$ resulting from an increase in long-term borrowings. As presented in Table III, the Interest Rate Spread (excess of average rate of return on earning assets over average cost of funds on interest-bearing liabilities) was 3.06\% in the first three months of 2008, as compared to $2.92 \%$ for the year ended December 31, 2007 and $2.80 \%$ in the first three months of 2007.

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INTEREST INCOME AND EARNING ASSETS
Interest income totaled $\$ 19,198,000$ in 2008, an increase of $14.8 \%$ over 2007. Income from available-for-sale securities increased $\$ 1,430,000$, or $29.7 \%$, and interest and fees from loans increased $\$ 1,064,000$, or $9.0 \%$. As indicated in Table III, total average available-for-sale securities in 2008 rose to $\$ 441,461,000$, an increase of $\$ 96,210,000$, or $27.9 \%$ from 2007. Throughout much of 2007, proceeds from sales and maturities of securities were used, in part, to help fund loans and pay off borrowings. In December 2007, the Corporation purchased approximately $\$ 86,152,000$ in mortgage-backed securities in connection with two repurchase agreements. The average rate of return on available-for-sale securities was $5.68 \%$ for 2008 , in line with the $5.65 \%$ return for the year ended December 31, 2007 and $5.65 \%$ in the first three months of 2007.
The average balance of gross loans increased $7.0 \%$ to $\$ 733,102,000$ in 2008 from $\$ 685,418,000$ in the first three months of 2007. Excluding Citizens Trust Company, average total loans decreased $\$ 8,869,000$, or $1.3 \%$. Over the last several months of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008, the Corporation has experienced modest growth in the average balance of residential mortgage loans, while the balance of commercial loans has decreased as a result of payoffs of several individual commercial relationships. The average rate of return on loans was $7.05 \%$ in 2008, in line with the $7.10 \%$ return for the year ended December 31, 2007 and $6.97 \%$ in the first three months of 2007.
INTEREST EXPENSE AND INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES
Interest expense rose $\$ 656,000$, or $8.2 \%$, to $\$ 8,656,000$ in 2008 from $\$ 8,000,000$ in 2007. Table III shows that the overall cost of funds on interest-bearing liabilities fell to $3.45 \%$ in 2008, from $3.70 \%$ for the year ended December 31, 2007 and $3.72 \%$ in the first three months of 2007.
From Table III, you can calculate that total average deposits (interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing) increased $9.4 \%$, to $\$ 829,593,000$ in 2008 from $\$ 758,466,000$ in the first three months of 2007. Excluding acquired Citizens Trust Company deposit accounts, total average deposits decreased $\$ 10,740,000(1.4 \%)$. The average rates incurred on deposit accounts have decreased significantly in the first three months of 2008 as compared to the first three months of 2007. The decreases in rates reduced interest expense on deposits by $\$ 770,000$.

The combined average total short-term and long-term borrowed funds increased $\$ 78,988,000$ to $\$ 296,331,000$ in 2008 from $\$ 217,343,000$ in the first three months of 2007. In December 2007, the Corporation entered into two repurchase agreements totaling $\$ 80,000,000$; the proceeds were used to purchase mortgage-backed securities as described above. In addition, the Corporation s interest expense increased as several borrowings matured in 2007 and were replaced at higher rates. The average rate on long-term borrowings was $4.26 \%$ in 2008, up from $3.93 \%$ in the first three months of 2007.

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## CITIZENS \& NORTHERN CORPORATION FORM 10-Q <br> TABLE II ANALYSIS OF INTEREST INCOME AND EXPENSE

| (In Thousands) | Three Months Ended March 31, |  | Increase/ (Decrease) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | 2007 |  |
| INTEREST INCOME |  |  |  |
| Available-for-sale securities: |  |  |  |
| Taxable | \$ 5,218 | \$ 3,755 | \$1,463 |
| Tax-exempt | 1,021 | 1,054 | (33) |
| Total available-for-sale securities | 6,239 | 4,809 | 1,430 |
| Held-to-maturity securities, Taxable | 6 | 6 |  |
| Trading securities | 48 | 4 | 44 |
| Interest-bearing due from banks | 13 | 26 | (13) |
| Federal funds sold | 50 | 101 | (51) |
| Loans: |  |  |  |
| Taxable | 12,312 | 11,281 | 1,031 |
| Tax-exempt | 530 | 497 | 33 |
| Total loans | 12,842 | 11,778 | 1,064 |
| Total Interest Income | 19,198 | 16,724 | 2,474 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE |  |  |  |
| Interest checking | 309 | 568 | (259) |
| Money market | 1,296 | 1,411 | (115) |
| Savings | 79 | 78 | 1 |
| Certificates of deposit | 2,527 | 2,442 | 85 |
| Individual Retirement Accounts | 1,415 | 1,390 | 25 |
| Other time deposits | 1 | 1 |  |
| Short-term borrowings | 306 | 475 | (169) |
| Long-term borrowings | 2,723 | 1,635 | 1,088 |
| Total Interest Expense | 8,656 | 8,000 | 656 |
| Net Interest Income | \$ 10,542 | \$ 8,724 | \$1,818 |

Note: Interest income from tax-exempt securities and loans has been adjusted to a fully tax-equivalent basis, using the Corporation s marginal federal income tax rate of $34 \%$.

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Table III Analysis of Average Daily Balances and Rates
(Dollars in Thousands)

|  | 3 Months <br> Ended <br> 3/31/2008 <br> Average | Year <br> Rate of <br> Return/ <br> Cost of <br> Funds | Ended <br> $\mathbf{1 2 / 3 1 / 2 0 0 7}$ <br> Average | Rate of <br> Return/ <br> Cost of <br> Funds <br> \% | 3 Months <br> Ended <br> Average | Rate of <br> Return/ <br> Cost of <br> Funds |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Balance | Balance | Balance | \% |  |  |

## INTEREST-BEARING

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TABLE IV ANALYSIS OF VOLUME AND RATE CHANGES
(In Thousands)

|  | YTD Ended 3/31/08 vs. 3/31/07 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Change in Volume | Change in Rate | Total Change |
| EARNING ASSETS |  |  |  |
| Available-for-sale securities: |  |  |  |
| Taxable | \$1,379 | \$ 84 | \$1,463 |
| Tax-exempt | (22) | (11) | (33) |
| Total available-for-sale securities | 1,357 | 73 | 1,430 |
| Held-to-maturity securities, |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Trading securities | 44 |  | 44 |
| Interest-bearing due from banks | (5) | (8) | (13) |
| Federal funds sold | (14) | (37) | (51) |
| Loans: |  |  |  |
| Taxable | 906 | 125 | 1,031 |
| Tax-exempt | 15 | 18 | 33 |
| Total loans | 921 | 143 | 1,064 |
| Total Interest Income | 2,303 | 171 | 2,474 |
| INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES |  |  |  |
| Interest checking | 70 | (329) | (259) |
| Money market | 79 | (194) | (115) |
| Savings | 8 | (7) | 1 |
| Certificates of deposit | 203 | (118) | 85 |
| Individual Retirement Accounts | 147 | (122) | 25 |
| Other time deposits |  |  |  |
| Short-term borrowings | (78) | (91) | (169) |
| Long-term borrowings | 935 | 153 | 1,088 |
| Total Interest Expense | 1,364 | (708) | 656 |
| Net Interest Income | \$ 939 | \$ 879 | \$1,818 |

(1) Changes in income on tax-exempt securities and loans are presented on a fully
taxable-equivalent basis, using the
Corporation s marginal federal income tax rate of $34 \%$.
(2) The change in interest due to both volume and rates has been allocated to volume and rate changes in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amount of the change in each.

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## CITIZENS \& NORTHERN CORPORATION FORM 10-Q TABLE V COMPARISON OF NONINTEREST INCOME (In Thousands)

|  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { 3 Months Ended } \\ \text { March 31, }\end{array}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{M a r c h ~ 3 1 , ~}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ |$)$

Total noninterest income increased $\$ 128,000$ or $3.9 \%$, in 2008 compared to 2007. Excluding realized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities, which are discussed in the Earnings Overview section of Management s Discussion and Analysis, the increase is $67 \%$ in 2008 over 2007. Items of significance are as follows:

Service charges on deposit accounts increased $\$ 464,000$, or $96.3 \%$, in 2008 as compared to 2007.
Approximately $\$ 176,000$ of the increase is attributable to the growth in deposit volumes from the Citizens Bancorp acquisition. The balance of the increase is primarily due to higher revenue from overdrafts associated with a new overdraft privilege program implemented in the first quarter of 2008.

Service charges and fees increased $\$ 32,000$, or $22.5 \%$, in 2008 over 2007. Within this category, the largest changes were from the increase of ATM fees of $\$ 33,000$ and ATM surcharges of $\$ 7,000$. The increase in both ATM fees and surcharges is related to the increase in the number of ATM machines, including those from the Citizens Trust acquisition. A new fee schedule was adopted in the last quarter of 2007, also contributing to the increase in ATM fees.

Trust and financial management revenue increased $\$ 195,000$, or $28.6 \%$, in 2008 over 2007, mainly as a result of the addition of Citizens Trust. Trust revenue from Citizens Trust customers was approximately $\$ 136,000$, or $69.7 \%$ of the increase in the first quarter of 2008. Assets under management have increased $20.5 \%$ over the last 12 months, to $\$ 634,489,000$ at March 31, 2008. The increase in assets under management is attributable to a combination of the acquisition of Citizens Bancorp, market value appreciation and new business.

Insurance commissions, fees and premiums have decreased $\$ 44,000$, or $37.9 \%$ in 2008 as compared to 2007. The decrease primarily relates to the reduction in revenues from credit-related insurance products for Bucktail Life Insurance Company.

The increase in the cash surrender value of life insurance increased $\$ 53,000$, or $36.6 \%$, in 2008 over 2007. Such increase includes $\$ 42,000$ related to bank owned life insurance acquired with Citizens Trust.

Other operating income increased $\$ 699,000$, or $134.2 \%$, in 2008 over 2007. The most significant increase was a gain of $\$ 533,000$ from the redemption of restricted shares of Visa, resulting from Visa s initial public offering. Also, this category includes an increase of $\$ 65,000$ in interchange fees related to debit card transactions, primarily attributed to the increase in volume for the Citizens Trust Company branches.

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## TABLE VI- COMPARISON OF NONINTEREST EXPENSE (In Thousands)

|  | 3 Months Ended |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| March 31, | March 31, |  |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| Salaries and wages | $\$ 3,691$ | $\$ 3,595$ |
| Pensions and other employee benefits | 1,151 | 1,185 |
| Occupancy expense, net | 754 | 626 |
| Furniture and equipment expense | 648 | 645 |
| Pennsylvania shares tax | 292 | 236 |
| Other operating expense | 1,928 | 1,960 |
| Total Other Expense | $\$ 8,464$ | $\$ 8,247$ |

Total noninterest expense increased $\$ 217,000$, or $2.6 \%$, in 2008 over 2007. The increase in noninterest expense includes the effect of the May 2007 Citizens Bancorp acquisition, with additional personnel and other costs associated with adding three operating locations. Significant changes in 2008 as compared to 2007 include the following: Salaries and wages increased $\$ 96,000$, or $2.7 \%$. The net increase in salaries and wages included the impact of staff additions from the Citizens Bancorp acquisition, partially offset by reductions in personnel that have taken place over the last half of 2007 and first quarter 2008.

Pensions and other employee benefits decreased $\$ 34,000$, or $2.9 \%$. Within this category, there were several significant changes, summarized as follows:
o Payroll tax expense decreased $\$ 61,000$. In the first quarter 2007, the Corporation recorded payroll tax expense associated with incentive bonuses that were determined based on 2006 performance and paid in January 2007. There were no incentive bonuses awarded based on 2007 performance, and accordingly, no bonus-related payroll tax expense was recorded in 2008.
o Employer contributions expense associated with the Savings \& Retirement Plan (a 401(k) plan) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan was $\$ 49,000$ lower in 2008 than in 2007. The reduced level of expense resulted from use of a lower estimated percentage of salaries used to record expense in 2008 for these contributions, for which participants vest on the last day of the year.
o Defined benefit pension plan expense decreased $\$ 47,000$, as a result of the decision to freeze the plan, effective December 31, 2007. The expected impact on 2008 earnings of the freezing of benefits, and termination of the plan, is discussed in more detail in the Prospects for the Remainder of 2008 section of Management s Discussion and Analysis.
o Group health insurance expense was $\$ 105,000$ higher in 2008, mainly because an experience-related refund reduced expense in 2007.
Occupancy expense increased $\$ 128,000$, or $20.5 \%$. Approximately $\$ 102,000$ of the increase relates to the addition of the Citizens Trust Company branches. In addition, utility costs, real estate taxes and building maintenance costs were higher in the first quarter of 2008 compared to 2007.

Pennsylvania shares tax expense increased $\$ 56,000$, or $23.7 \%$, mainly because of the addition of Citizens Trust Company s historic asset and equity values to the tax base.

Other operating expense decreased $\$ 32,000$, or $1.6 \%$. This category includes many varieties of expenses, with significant increases and decreases in some of the individual expenses, as follows:
o Decrease in operating expenses from the recovery of $\$ 174,000$ from an insurance claim related to costs incurred in the third quarter of 2007.

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o Decrease of $\$ 61,000$ related to core system conversion expense incurred in the first quarter of 2007 to convert the computer system used for First State Bank (New York) locations to the same core computer system used by C\&N Bank.
o Amortization of core deposit intangibles increased $\$ 117,000$, including an increase of $\$ 122,000$ attributable to the Citizens Bancorp acquisition.
o Other operating expenses include $\$ 76,000$ increase associated with Bucktail Life Insurance Company related to accident and health insurance loss reserves.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

Significant changes in the average balances of the Corporation s earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities are described in the Net Interest Margin section of Management s Discussion and Analysis. As discussed in more detail earlier within the Prospects for the Remainder of 2008 section, recent economic conditions have impacted the market valuations of certain elements of the Corporation s investment portfolio; however, management believes such conditions to be temporary. Other significant balance sheet items, including the allowance for loan losses and stockholders equity, are discussed in separate sections of Management s Discussion and Analysis.
Total capital purchases for 2008 are estimated at approximately $\$ 1.2$ million. In light of the Corporation s strong capital position and ample sources of liquidity, management does not expect capital expenditures to have a material, detrimental effect on the Corporation s financial condition in 2008.

## PROVISION AND ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level that, in management s judgment, is adequate to absorb credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The amount of the allowance is based on management sevaluation of the collectibility of the loan portfolio. In evaluating collectibility, management considers a number of factors, including the status of specific impaired loans, trends in historical loss experience, delinquency trends, credit concentrations, comparison of historical loan loss data to that of other financial institutions and economic conditions within the Corporation s market area. Allowances for impaired loans are determined based on collateral values or the present value of estimated cash flows. The allowance is increased by a provision for loan losses, which is charged to expense, and reduced by charge-offs, net of recoveries.
There are two major components of the allowance (1) SFAS 114 allowances on larger loans, mainly commercial purpose, determined on a loan-by-loan basis; and (2) SFAS 5 allowances estimates of losses incurred on the remainder of the portfolio, determined based on collective evaluation of impairment for various categories of loans. SFAS 5 allowances include a portion based on historical net charge-off experience, and a portion based on evaluation of qualitative factors.
Each quarter, management performs a detailed assessment of the allowance and provision for loan losses. A management committee called the Watch List Committee performs this assessment. Quarterly, the Watch List Committee and the applicable Lenders discuss each loan relationship under review, and reach a consensus on the appropriate SFAS 114 estimated loss amount for the quarter. The Watch List Committee sfocus is on ensuring that all pertinent facts have been considered, and that the SFAS 114 loss amounts are reasonable. The assessment process includes review of certain loans reported on the Watch List. All loans, which Lenders or the Credit Administration staff has assigned a risk rating of Special Mention, Substandard, Doubtful or Loss, are included in the Watch List. The scope of loans evaluated individually for impairment (SFAS 114 evaluation) include all loan relationships greater than $\$ 200,000$ for C\&N Bank loans, and $\$ 50,000$ for First State Bank, for which there is at least one extension of credit graded Special Mention, Substandard, Doubtful or Loss. Also, loan relationships less than $\$ 200,000$ in the aggregate, but with an estimated loss of $\$ 100,000$ or more, are individually evaluated for impairment.
The SFAS 5 component of the allowance includes estimates of losses incurred on loans that have not been individually determined to be impaired. Management uses loan categories included in the Call Report (a quarterly report filed by FDIC-insured banks) to identify categories of loans with similar risk characteristics, and multiplies the

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loan balances for each category as of each quarter-end by two different factors to determine the SFAS 5 allowance amounts. These two factors are based on: (1) historical net charge-off experience, and (2) qualitative factors. The sum of the allowance amounts calculated for each risk category, including both the amount based on historical net charge-off experience and the amount based on evaluation of qualitative factors, is equal to the total SFAS 5 component of the allowance.
The historical net charge-off portion of the SFAS 5 allowance component is calculated by the Accounting Department as of the end of the applicable quarter. For each loan classification category used in the Call Report, the Accounting Department multiplies the outstanding balance as of the quarter-end (excluding impaired loans) by the ratio of net charge-offs to average quarterly loan balances for the previous three calendar years.
Effective in the second quarter 2005, management began to calculate the effects of specific qualitative factors criteria to determine a percentage increase or decrease in the SFAS 5 allowance, in relation to the historical net charge-off percentage. The qualitative factors analysis involves assessment of changes in factors affecting the portfolio, to provide for estimated differences between losses currently inherent in the portfolio and the amounts determined based on recent historical loss rates and from identification of losses on specific individual loans. A management committee called the Qualitative Factors Committee meets quarterly, near the end of the final month of each quarter. The Qualitative Factors Committee discusses several qualitative factors, including economic conditions, lending policies, changes in the portfolio, risk profile of the portfolio, competition and regulatory requirements, and other factors, with consideration given to how the factors affect three distinct parts of the loan portfolio: Commercial, Mortgage and Consumer. During or soon after completion of the meeting, each member of the Committee prepares an update to his or her recommended percentage adjustment for each qualitative factor, and average qualitative factor adjustments are calculated for Commercial, Mortgage and Consumer loans. The Accounting Department multiplies the outstanding balance as of the quarter-end (excluding impaired loans) by the applicable qualitative factor percentages, to determine the portion of the SFAS 5 allowance attributable to qualitative factors.
The allocation of the allowance for loan losses table (Table VIII) includes the SFAS 114 component of the allowance on the line item called Impaired Loans. SFAS 5 estimated losses, including both the portion determined based on historical net charge-off results, as well as the portion based on management $s$ assessment of qualitative factors, are allocated in Table VIII to the applicable categories of commercial, consumer mortgage and consumer loans. In periods prior to 2005, the portion of the allowance determined by management s subjective assessment of economic conditions and other factors (which is now calculated using the qualitative factors criteria described above) was reflected completely in the unallocated component of the allowance.
The allowance for loan losses totaled $\$ 8,948,000$ at March 31, 2008, compared to $\$ 8,859,000$ at December 31, 2007. As shown in Table VII, net charge-offs in the first quarter 2008 totaled $\$ 815,000$, which is substantially higher than both the first quarter of 2007 and the historical levels for recent years shown in the table. In the first quarter 2008, the Corporation charged-off $\$ 780,000$ due from three commercial loan relationships for which SFAS 114 allowances of $\$ 775,000$ had been recorded as of December 31, 2007. Table VII also shows the provision for loan losses totaled $\$ 904,000$ in the first quarter 2008, compared to $\$ 229,000$ in the first quarter 2007. The total amount of the provision for loan losses in each period is determined based on the amount required to maintain an appropriate allowance in light of all of the factors described above. The first quarter 2008 provision for loan losses included the effects of establishing an SFAS 114 allowance of $\$ 250,000$ on one commercial loan relationship, as well as increasing the SFAS 5 allowance from qualitative factors and increasing the unallocated portion of the allowance by $\$ 211,000$.
Table IX presents information related to past due and impaired loans. Total impaired loans amounted to $\$ 6,159,000$ at March 31, 2008, down slightly from $\$ 6,218,000$ at December 31, 2007. Nonaccrual loans totaled $\$ 7,316,000$ at March 31, 2008, up from $\$ 6,955,000$ at December 31, 2007. The SFAS 114 valuation allowance on impaired loans totaled $\$ 1,723,000$ at March 31, 2008, down from $\$ 2,255,000$ at December 31, 2007. The decrease in the SFAS 114 valuation allowance was primarily attributed to the previously described charge-offs of $\$ 780,000$ associated with three commercial loan relationships, partially offset by a SFAS 114 valuation allowance of $\$ 250,000$ for one additional commercial relationship considered to be impaired. Management believes it has been conservative in its decisions concerning identification of impaired loans, estimates of loss and nonaccrual status. However, the actual losses
realized from these relationships could vary materially from the allowances estimated as of March 31, 2008. Management continues to closely monitor its commercial loan relationships for possible credit losses, and will adjust its estimates of loss and decisions concerning nonaccrual status, if appropriate.
Tables VII, VIII, IX and X present an analysis of the allowance for loan losses, the allocation of the allowance, information concerning impaired and past due loans and a five-year summary of loans by type.

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TABLE VII- ANALYSIS OF THE ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES (In Thousands)

|  | Quarter <br> Ended <br> March <br> 31, | Quarter <br> Ended <br> March <br> 31, <br> 2007 | Years Ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$8,859 | \$8,201 | \$8,201 | \$8,361 | \$6,787 | \$6,097 | \$5,789 |
| Charge-offs: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real estate loans | 620 | 29 | 196 | 611 | 264 | 375 | 168 |
| Installment loans | 15 | 47 | 216 | 259 | 224 | 217 | 326 |
| Credit cards and related plans | 1 | 4 | 5 | 22 | 198 | 178 | 171 |
| Commercial and other loans | 220 | 34 | 127 | 200 | 298 | 16 | 303 |
| Total charge-offs | 856 | 114 | 544 | 1,092 | 984 | 786 | 968 |
| Recoveries: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real estate loans | 3 | 4 | 8 | 27 | 14 | 3 | 75 |
| Installment loans | 38 | 11 | 41 | 65 | 61 | 32 | 52 |
| Credit cards and related plans |  | 5 | 9 | 25 | 30 | 23 | 17 |
| Commercial and other loans |  | 2 | 28 | 143 | 50 | 18 | 32 |
| Total recoveries | 41 | 22 | 86 | 260 | 155 | 76 | 176 |
| Net charge-offs | 815 | 92 | 458 | 832 | 829 | 710 | 792 |
| Allowance for loan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| losses recorded in acquisition |  |  | 587 |  | 377 |  |  |
| Provision for loan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| losses | 904 | 229 | 529 | 672 | 2,026 | 1,400 | 1,100 |
| Balance, end of year | \$8,948 | \$8,338 | \$8,859 | \$8,201 | \$8,361 | \$6,787 | \$6,097 |

TABLE VIII ALLOCATION OF THE ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES BY TYPE (In Thousands)

|  | As of <br> March 31, | As of December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ |  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$

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| Impaired loans | 1,723 | 2,255 | 1,726 | 2,374 | 1,378 | 1,542 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Consumer | 537 | 533 | 523 | 476 | 409 | 404 |
| Unallocated | 211 |  | 24 |  | 2,578 | 2,117 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Allowance | $\$ 8,948$ | $\$ 8,201$ | $\$ 8,361$ | $\$ 6,787$ | $\$ 6,097$ |  |

## TABLE IX PAST DUE AND IMPAIRED LOANS

(In Thousands)


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TABLE X SUMMARY OF LOANS BY TYPE (In Thousands)

|  | March 31, <br> $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | As of December 31, <br> $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Real estate <br> construction <br> Real estate | $\$ 25,229$ | $\$ 22,497$ | $\$ 10,365$ | $\$ 5,552$ | $\$ 4,178$ | $\$ 2,856$ |
| residential mortgage | 440,356 | 441,692 | 387,410 | 361,857 | 347,705 | 330,807 |
| Real estate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| commercial mortgage <br> Consumer | 144,141 | 144,742 | 178,260 | 153,661 | 128,073 | 100,240 |
| Agricultural | 34,874 | 37,193 | 35,992 | 31,559 | 31,702 | 33,977 |
| Commercial | 3,656 | 3,553 | 2,705 | 2,340 | 2,872 | 2,948 |
| Other | 49,174 | 52,241 | 39,135 | 69,396 | 43,566 | 34,967 |
| Political subdivisions | 1,084 | 1,010 | 1,227 | 1,871 | 1,804 | 1,183 |
| Lease receivables | 31,362 | 33,013 | 32,407 | 27,063 | 19,713 | 17,854 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 65 |
| Total | 729,876 | 735,941 | 687,501 | 653,299 | 579,613 | 524,897 |
| Less: allowance for | $(8,948)$ | $(8,859)$ | $(8,201)$ | $(8,361)$ | $(6,787)$ | $(6,097)$ |
| loan losses | $\$ 720,928$ | $\$ 727,082$ | $\$ 679,300$ | $\$ 644,938$ | $\$ 572,826$ | $\$ 518,800$ |

## LIQUIDITY

Liquidity is the ability to quickly raise cash at a reasonable cost. An adequate liquidity position permits the Corporation to pay creditors, compensate for unforeseen deposit fluctuations and fund unexpected loan demand. The Corporation maintains overnight borrowing facilities with several correspondent banks that provide a source of day-to-day liquidity. Also, the Corporation maintains borrowing facilities with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, secured by mortgage loans and various investment securities. At March 31, 2008, the Corporation had unused borrowing availability with correspondent banks and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh totaling approximately $\$ 211,000,000$. Additionally, the Corporation uses repurchase agreements placed with brokers to borrow funds secured by investment assets, and uses RepoSweep arrangements to borrow funds from commercial banking customers on an overnight basis. Further, if required to raise cash in an emergency situation, the Corporation could sell non-pledged investment securities to meet its obligations. At March 31, 2008, the carrying value of non-pledged available-for-sale securities was $\$ 103,855,000$.
Management believes the combination of its strong capital position (discussed in the next section), ample available borrowing facilities and substantial non-pledged securities portfolio have placed the Corporation in a position of minimal short-term and long-term liquidity risk.

## STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY AND CAPITAL ADEQUACY

The Corporation and the subsidiary banks (Citizens \& Northern Bank and First State Bank) are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. The Corporation s consolidated capital ratios at March 31, 2008 are as follows:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Total capital to risk-weighted assets } & 16.63 \% \\
\text { Tier } 1 \text { capital to risk-weighted assets } & 15.56 \% \\
\text { Tier } 1 \text { capital to average total assets } & 10.48 \%
\end{array}
$$

Management expects the Corporation and the subsidiary banks to maintain capital levels that exceed the regulatory standards for well-capitalized institutions for the next 12 months and for the foreseeable future. Planned capital expenditures are not expected to have a significantly detrimental effect on capital ratios.

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The Corporation s total stockholders equity is affected by fluctuations in the fair values of available-for-sale securities. The difference between amortized cost and fair value of available-for-sale securities, net of deferred income tax, is included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income within stockholders equity. Changes in accumulated other comprehensive income are excluded from earnings and directly increase or decrease stockholders equity. The balance in accumulated other comprehensive losses relates to unrealized gains or losses on available-for-sale securities, net of deferred income tax, amounted to $\$ 13,012,000$ at March 31, 2008, compared to $\$ 6,654,000$ at December 31, 2007. The change in accumulated other comprehensive losses in the first quarter 2008 resulted mainly from unrealized losses on trust-preferred securities, as discussed in Note 4.
The Corporation has recognized a liability for the underfunded balance of its defined benefit pension and postretirement plans, and has recognized a reduction in stockholders equity (included in accumulated other comprehensive income) for the amount of the liability, net of deferred income tax. Accumulated other comprehensive income included a negative balance of $\$ 399,000$ at March 31, 2008 and $\$ 403,000$ at December 31, 2007 related to defined benefit obligations.

## INFLATION

The Corporation is significantly affected by the Federal Reserve Board s efforts to control inflation through changes in short-term interest rates. Over the period 2004 through 2006, the Federal Reserve increased the fed funds target rate 17 times, from a low of $1 \%$ to $5.25 \%$. The Fed Funds target rate stayed at $5.25 \%$ until August 2007. During that time period, long-term interest rates did not increase as much as short-term rates, which hurt the Corporation s profitability by squeezing the net interest margin. From August 2007 through mid-March 2008, in response to concerns about weakness in the U.S. economy, the Federal Reserve has lowered the fed funds target rate several times, to its current level of $2.25 \%$, and long-term rates are now higher than short-term rates. There are many signs of inflationary pressures looming over the U.S. economy as of early April 2008, including a decline in value of the U.S. dollar against many of the world s currencies over the last year or so. While the Federal Reserve has recently lowered the fed funds target rate, which has lowered short-term rates and therefore the Corporation s cost of funds, inflationary pressures may force the Fed to change course and begin raising rates in the future. Although management cannot predict future changes in the rates of inflation, management monitors the impact of economic trends, including any indicators of inflationary pressures, in managing interest rate and other financial risks.

## RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS No. 157 ), to establish a consistent framework for measuring fair value and expand disclosures on fair value measurements. The provisions of SFAS No. 157 are effective beginning in 2008 and affect the Corporation s disclosures of information regarding fair values of financial instruments, but do not have a material effect on the Corporation sfinancial statements. The disclosures required by SFAS No. 157 are presented in Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements.
In February 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities, including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ( SFAS No. 159 ). SFAS No. 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments at fair value that are not required to be measured at fair value. It also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between entities that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. SFAS No. 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity s first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007 (the Corporation s 2008 fiscal year). The Corporation has not elected to measure any financial instruments at fair value (other than instruments that were measured at fair value prior to SFAS No. 159), and therefore SFAS No. 159 has not affected the Corporation s financial statements. In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141R, Business Combinations ( SFAS No. 141R ). SFAS No. 141R establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer of a business recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree. The statement also provides guidance for recognizing and measuring the goodwill acquired in the business combination and determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statement to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS No. 141R is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. Accordingly, SFAS No. 141R will apply to any business combinations the

Corporation engages in, starting in 2009.

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Also, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, in December 2007, which is an amendment of ARB 51 ( SFAS No. 160 ). SFAS No. 160 changes the accounting and reporting for minority interests. SFAS No. 160 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years, except for the presentation and disclosure requirements, which will apply retrospectively. Currently, the provisions of SFAS No. 160 would not apply to the Corporation, because the Corporation owns and controls $100 \%$ of the entities within its consolidated group. In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures About Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( SFAS No. 161 ). SFAS No. 161 requires expanded disclosures regarding derivative instruments and hedging activities. It is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. Currently, the provisions of SFAS No. 161 would not apply to the Corporation, because the Corporation s derivative instruments are not material.

## ITEM 3. OUANTITATIVE AND OUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

## MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices of the Corporation sfinancial instruments. As discussed in Note 4 to the financial statements, and the Prospects for the Remainder of 2008 section of Management s Discussion and Analysis, the Corporation has significant unrealized losses on its holdings of municipal bonds and trust-preferred securities as of March 31, 2008. In addition to the effects of interest rates, the market prices of the Corporation s debt securities within the available-for-sale securities portfolio are affected by fluctuations in the risk premiums (amounts of spread over risk-free rates) demanded by investors. Management believes valuations of debt securities at March 31, 2008 have been negatively impacted by events affecting the overall credit markets during the last quarter of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008. There have been widespread disruptions to the normal operation of bond markets. Particularly with regard to trust-preferred securities, trading volume has been limited and consisted almost entirely of sales by distressed sellers. As a result, quoted market prices on many securities have been substantially depressed without regard to the attributes specific to each security. Also, management believes municipal bond valuations have been negatively impacted by reported financial problems by some of the largest companies that insure municipal bond offerings.
Management cannot control changes in market prices of securities based on fluctuations in the risk premiums demanded by investors. However, management attempts to limit the risk that economic conditions would force the Corporation to sell securities for realized losses by maintaining a strong capital position (discussed in the Stockholders Equity and Capital section of Management s Discussion and Analysis) and ample sources of liquidity (discussed in the Liquidity section of Management s Discussion and Analysis).
Two of the Corporation s major categories of market risk, interest rate risk and equity securities risk, are discussed in the following sections.

## INTEREST RATE RISK

Business risk arising from changes in interest rates is an inherent factor in operating a bank. The Corporation $s$ assets are predominantly long-term, fixed rate loans and debt securities. Funding for these assets comes principally fromshorter-term deposits and borrowed funds. Accordingly, there is an inherent risk of lower future earnings or decline in fair value of the Corporation s financial instruments when interest rates change.
The Corporation uses a simulation model to calculate the potential effects of interest rate fluctuations on net interest income and the market value of portfolio equity. The tables below were prepared based on data as of February 29, 2008 and November 30, 2007, with pro forma adjustments to the November 2007 data to include the significant leveraged investment purchase transaction (discussed below) that occurred in December 2007. For purposes of these calculations, the market value of portfolio equity includes the fair values of financial instruments, such as securities, loans, deposits and borrowed funds, and the book values of nonfinancial assets and liabilities, such as premises and equipment and accrued expenses. The model measures and projects potential changes in net interest income, and calculates the discounted present value of anticipated cash flows of financial instruments, assuming an immediate increase or decrease in interest rates. Management ordinarily runs a variety of scenarios within a range of plus or minus 50-300 basis points of current rates.

The table that follows was prepared using the simulation model described above. The model makes estimates, at each level of interest rate change, regarding cash flows from principal repayments on loans and mortgage-backed securities and call activity on other investment securities. Actual results could vary significantly from these estimates,

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which could result in significant differences in the calculations of projected changes in net interest margin and market value of portfolio equity. Also, the model does not make estimates related to changes in the composition of the deposit portfolio that could occur due to rate competition and the table does not necessarily reflect changes that management would make to realign the portfolio as a result of changes in interest rates.
In December 2007, the Corporation entered into two repurchase agreements (borrowings) totaling $\$ 80$ million to fund the purchase of investment securities. In addition to generating positive earnings from the spread of the return on the investment securities over the current cost of the borrowings, the transaction reduces the magnitude of the Corporation s overall liability sensitive position. Specifically, the borrowings include embedded caps providing that, if 3-month LIBOR were to exceed $5.15 \%$, the interest rate payable on the repurchase agreements would fall, down to a minimum of $0 \%$, based on parameters included in the repurchase agreements. One of the embedded caps expires in December 2010, and the other expires in December 2012.
The recent substantial decrease in short-term rates caused the embedded caps to be less than fully effective in the February 2008 calculations. When the interest rate risk simulation was run using February 2008 data, 3-month LIBOR was at $3.06 \%$. Since the embedded caps described above are effective only when 3-month LIBOR exceeds $5.15 \%$, the Corporation would be unable to realize an interest expense reduction in the scenarios where current rates rise 100 or 200 basis points. Also, the realizable benefit in the scenario where rates rise 300 basis points was substantially less than it had been at November 2007.
The Corporation s Board of Directors has established policy guidelines for acceptable levels of interest rate risk, based on an immediate increase or decrease in interest rates. The policy provides limits at $+/-100,200$ and 300 basis points from current rates for fluctuations in net interest income from the baseline (flat rates) one-year scenario. The policy also limits acceptable market value variances from the baseline values based on current rates. As indicated in the table, the Corporation is liability sensitive, and therefore net interest income and market value generally increase when interest rates fall and decrease when interest rates rise. The table shows that as of February 29, 2008 and November 30, 2007, the changes in net interest income and market value were within the policy limits in all scenarios.

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TABLE XI THE EFFECT OF HYPOTHETICAL CHANGES IN INTEREST RATES February 29, 2008 Data
(In Thousands)


| Present | Present <br> Value | Present <br> Value |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rasis Point Change in Rates |  |  | Equity | \% Change | | Limit |
| :---: |
| Lisk |

November 30, 2007 Data (In Thousands)


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$\left.\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Present } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Present } \\ \text { Value }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Present } \\ \text { Value }\end{array} \\ \text { Rask }\end{array}\right)$

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## CITIZENS \& NORTHERN CORPORATION FORM 10-Q <br> EQUITY SECURITIES RISK

The Corporation s equity securities portfolio consists primarily of investments in stock of banks and bank holding companies located mainly in Pennsylvania. The Corporation also owns some other stocks and mutual funds.
Investments in bank stocks are subject to the risk factors that affect the banking industry in general, including competition from non-bank entities, credit risk, interest rate risk and other factors, which could result in a decline in market prices. Also, losses could occur in individual stocks held by the Corporation because of specific circumstances related to each bank. Further, because of the concentration of bank and bank holding companies located in Pennsylvania, these investments could decline in market value if there is a downturn in the state seconomy. Issues affecting market values of bank stocks as of March 31, 2008 are discussed further in the Prospects for the Remainder of 2008 section of Management s Discussion and Analysis.
Equity securities held as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 are presented in Table XII.

## TABLE XII EQUITY SECURITIES (In Thousands)

|  |  |  | Hypothetical $10 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Hypothetica } \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| At March 31, 2008 | Cost | Fair <br> Value | Decline In Market Value | Decline In Market Value |
| Banks and bank holding companies | \$20,069 | \$20,420 | \$ $(2,042)$ | \$ $(4,084)$ |
| Other equity securities | 2,726 | 2,809 | (281) | (562) |
| Total | \$22,795 | \$23,229 | \$ $(2,323)$ | \$ $(4,646)$ |


|  |  | Fair | Market <br> Value | Market <br> Value |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| At December 31, 2007 | Cost | Value | $\$(1,980)$ | $\$(3,959)$ |
| Banks and bank holding companies | $\$ 19,868$ | $\$ 19,797$ | $(295)$ | $(590)$ |
| Other equity securities | 2,577 | 2,950 |  |  |
| Total | $\$ 22,445$ | $\$ 22,747$ | $\$(2,275)$ | $\$(4,549)$ |

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Corporation s management, under the supervision of and with the participation of the Corporation s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has carried out an evaluation of the design and effectiveness of the Corporation s disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as of the end of period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, the Corporation s disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that all material information required to be disclosed in reports the Corporation files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission s rules and forms. There were no significant changes in the Corporation s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or that is reasonably likely to affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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Item 1. Legal Proceedings
The Corporation and the subsidiary banks are involved in various legal proceedings incidental to their business. Management believes the aggregate liability, if any, resulting from such pending and threatened legal proceedings will not have a material, adverse effect on the Corporation $s$ financial condition or results of operations.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in Item 1A of the Corporation s Form 10-K filed February 29, 2008.
Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds
c. Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

On August 23, 2007, the Corporation announced the extension of a plan that permits the repurchase of shares of its outstanding common stock, up to an aggregate total of $\$ 10$ million, through August 31, 2008. The Board of Directors authorized repurchase from time to time at prevailing market prices in open market or in privately negotiated transactions as, in management s sole opinion, market conditions warrant and based on stock availability, price and the Corporation s financial performance. As of March 31, 2008, the maximum additional value available for purchases under this program is $\$ 9,559,740$.
The following table sets forth a summary of the purchases by the Corporation, on the open market, of its equity securities for the first quarter 2008 :
$\left.\begin{array}{llll} & & \begin{array}{c}\text { Maximum } \\ \text { Dollar }\end{array} \\ \text { Total Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Shares }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}\text { Value of Share } \\ \text { that May Yet } \\ \text { be }\end{array}\right\}$

## Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None
Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders
None
Item 5. Other Information
None

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## Item 6. Exhibits

2. Plan of acquisition, reorganization, arrangement, liquidation or succession
3. (i) Articles of Incorporation
4. (ii) By-laws
5. Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures

## 10. Material contracts:

10.1 Form of Stock Option and Restricted Stock agreement dated January 3, 2008 between the Corporation and its independent directors pursuant to the Citizens \& Northern Corporation Independent Directors Stock Incentive Plan
10.2 Form of Stock Option agreement dated January 3, 2008 between the Corporation and certain officers pursuant to the Citizens \& Northern Corporation Stock Incentive Plan
10.3 Form of Restricted Stock agreement dated January 3, 2008
between the Corporation and certain officers pursuant to the Citizens \& Northern Corporation Stock Incentive Plan
11. Statement re: computation of per share earnings
15. Letter re: unaudited interim financial information
18. Letter re: change in accounting principles
19. Report furnished to security holders
22. Published report regarding matters submitted to vote of security holders

Not applicable

Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Corporation s Form S-8 registration statement filed November 3, 2006

Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Corporation s Form 8-K filed August 25, 2004

Not applicable

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Information concerning the computation of earnings per share is provided in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included in Part I, Item 1 of Form 10-Q.

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31. Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) certifications:
31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Filed herewith
31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Filed herewith
32. Section 1350 certifications

Filed herewith
99. Additional exhibits

Not applicable
100. XBRL-related documents

Not applicable

## Signatures

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

May 6, 2008

Date
May 6 ,
2008

Date

## CITIZENS \& NORTHERN CORPORATION

By:/s/ Craig G. Litchfield

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
By: /s/ Mark A. Hughes

Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer 35

