

NORTHERN TRUST CORP
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FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SHORT HARRY W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**NORTHERN TRUST CORP
 [NTRS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
50 S. LA SALLE ST.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/22/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP and Controller

CHICAGO, IL 60675

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/22/2004		F	V Amount (A) or (D) 2,356 ⁽²⁾ D	\$ 23,000 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock					173,667 ⁽⁴⁾	D	
Common Stock					40,048	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					2,575	I	Spouse for Child
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Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (2) Stock units (2,356) withheld in payment of taxes resulting from the distribution of vested stock units as shares of common stock.
- (3) Total reflects the distribution of 8,000 stock units as shares of common stock.
- (4) Total reflects the distribution of 5,644 stock units (net of taxes) as shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (5) as of 09/30/2004
- (6) as of 12/31/2003

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