

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
THERIAULT TIMOTHY J

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)  
08/07/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & President C&IS

CHICAGO, IL 60603

(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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/07/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	13,327 A \$ 44.465	50,311	I	By Trust
Common Stock	08/07/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	10,600 D \$ 81.0847	39,711	I	By Trust
Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>					43,796	D	
Common Stock					72 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 44.465	08/07/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	13,327	03/15/2005 02/15/2015	Common Stock	13,327

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THERIAULT TIMOTHY J 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60603			EVP & President C&IS	

## Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for Timothy J. Theriault 08/11/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The transactions being reported in this Form 4 were made pursuant to a written plan adopted in accordance with SEC Rule 10b5-1

The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$81.00 to \$81.28. Upon request, the

(2) reporting person will provide to the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.

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

(4) as of 06-30-08

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