

MORRISON WILLIAM L
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FORM 4

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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 *
MORRISON WILLIAM L

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 SOUTH LASALLE STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/23/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

CHICAGO, IL 60603

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/23/2009		F		3,968	D	\$ 53.385
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/23/2009		F		1,624	D	\$ 53.385
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/23/2009		F		1,283	D	\$ 53.385
Common Stock						D	51,065.6246 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock					1,200	I	By Spouse

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Common Stock	200	I	By Son
Common Stock	148	I	By Son
Common Stock	2,538 ⁽⁵⁾	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORRISON WILLIAM L 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603			EVP & CFO	

Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for William L. Morrison
 10/27/2009
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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

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

On October 23, 2009, 15,000 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 17, 2004, were distributed to the reporting person; 11,032 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 3,968 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.

(2) On October 23, 2009, 5,000 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 15, 2005, were distributed to the reporting person, 3,376 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 1,624 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.

(3) On October 23, 2009, 3,519 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 21, 2006 were distributed to the reporting person; 2,236 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 1,283 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.

(4) as of 9/30/2009

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