WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DYKSTRA DAVID A | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [(WTFC)] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|---|-------------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 514 SHOSHONI TRAIL | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2007 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior EVP and COO | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| LAKE VILLA | A, IL 60046 | | | Person | | | |

| (C | nty) | (State) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------|---|--|--|---|---------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title Securit (Instr. 3 | y | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (| ` ′ | 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) |
| Comn Stock | | 11/30/2007 | | M | 27,000 | A | \$ 12 | 0 | D | |
| Comn Stock | | 11/30/2007 | | S | 16,046 | D | \$ 36.4342 | 142,001 | D | |

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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am or Nu of S |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12 | 11/30/2007 | | M | 27,000 | 12/05/2002 | 12/05/2007 | Common Stock | 27 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DYKSTRA DAVID A 514 SHOSHONI TRAIL LAKE VILLA, IL 60046

Senior EVP and COO

Signatures

/s/David A. Dykstra 11/30/2007

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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