#### NORTHERN TRUST CORP

Form 4

February 20, 2003

### FORM 4

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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<ol> <li>Name and Add</li> <li>Welsh, Kelly R.</li> </ol>	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Northern Trust Corporation NTRS							6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) Northern Trust 50 S La Salle St	of Reporting Person,				Мо	Statement for nth/Day/Year 18/03	X	Director			
							C	VP & Genera ounsel	<u> </u>		
					Dat	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
Chicago, IL 60675								X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (	Zip)	_	able	I Non-D	erivati	ve Sec	urities Acquired,	Dispose	d of, or Benef	icially Owned
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date	etion Execution	3. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of ( (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially		ship Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
, ,	(Month/ Day/ Year)	if any (Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	02/18/03		A		5500	A			30500	D	
Common Stock									<b>282</b> (2)	I	ESOP

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

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#### FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially **Owned**

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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	1. Title of	2. Conver-	3. Trans-	3A.	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Natur
	Derivative	sion or	action	Deemed	Trans-	of	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirec
	Security	Exercise	Date	Execution	action	Derivative	Date	Underlying	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficia
		Price of		Date,	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownershi
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<sup>\*</sup> If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(Instr. 3)	Derivative Security	(Month/ Day/ Year)	if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	(Instr. 8)	(	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				(Instr. 3 & 4)		Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	ative Security:	(Instr. 4)
				Code V	_			Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares		(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)(3)	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		5519		08/18/03		Common Stock		134713	D	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)(3)	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		15000		02/18/04		Common Stock	15000		D	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)(3)	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		15000		02/18/05		Common Stock	15000		D	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)(3)	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		15000		02/18/06		Common Stock	15000	179713	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1)	Represents st	tock units	payable au	itomatically	in com	ımon stoc	k on a	1-for-1	basis.

- (2) as of 12/31/02
- (3) with tandem tax withholding right

By: /s/ <u>Eileen C. Ratzka (POA)</u> Kelly R. Welsh <u>02/19/03</u> Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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