

CUSHING ROBERT T
 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 *
CUSHING ROBERT T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TRUSTCO BANK CORP N Y [TRST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O TRUSTCO BANK CORP, 5 SARNOWSKI DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/21/2005

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
CFO & EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

(Street)
GLENVILLE, NY 12302

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Ti Unde |
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| (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
|------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|------------|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
| OPTION:RT-TO-BUY | \$ 12.15 | 01/21/2005 | A | V | 100,000 | 01/21/2005 | | | 01/21/2015 | | CO |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CUSHING ROBERT T C/O TRUSTCO BANK CORP 5 SARNOWSKI DRIVE GLENNVILLE, NY 12302 | | | CFO & EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT | |

Signatures

ROBERT T. CUSHING, BY POWER OF ATTORNEY
 01/25/2005
**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).

Remarks:

GRANT TO REPORTING PERSON OF OPTION TO BUY 100000 SHARES OF COMMON AS OF 01/21/05 DATE OF GRANT

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