

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 \*  
**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)  
**10/24/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP & President/PFS**

**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  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/24/2008		F	549 D \$ 48.82	45,276	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/24/2008		F	1,823 D \$ 48.82	39,549 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					60,869 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					1,200	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					148	I	Custodian for Child

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Common Stock		100	I	By Son
Common Stock		2,529 <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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 3)
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for William L. Morrison

10/28/2008

\*\*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) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (2)

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On October 24, 2008, 1,145 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 18, 2003, were distributed to the reporting person, 727 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as shares of common stock (NTRS); and 549 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes, and 5,724 stock units were deferred.

On October 24, 2008, 5,000 already reported and vested stock units, granted February 15, 2005 were distributed to the reporting person.

(3) 3,177 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as shares of common stock (NTRS); and 1,823 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State, and Medicare taxes.

(4) as of 09/30/08

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