

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 \*  
**WELSH KELLY R**

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 & General Counsel**

**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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/24/2008		F	2,170 D \$ 48.82	26,876	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/24/2008		F	1,315 D \$ 48.82	20,213 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock					23,555 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	I	By Trust
Common Stock					628 <u>(4)</u>	I	By 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 Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
WELSH KELLY R 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP & General Counsel

## Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for Kelly R. Welsh  
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.  
On October 24, 2008, 5,500 already reported and vested stock units, granted February 18, 2003 were distributed to the reporting person.
- (2) 3,330 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as shares of common stock (NTRS); and 2,170 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State, and Medicare taxes.  
On October 24, 2008, 3,333 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 15, 2005, were distributed to the reporting person, 2,018 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as shares of common stock (NTRS); and 1,315 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.
- (4) as of 9-30-08

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