

OSBORN WILLIAM A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Osborn William A</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>Northern Trust Corporation</b> <b>50 S La Salle St</b>  (Street) <b>Chicago, IL 60675</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Northern Trust Corporation NTRS</b>				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — Other (specify below) <b>Chairman and CEO</b>			
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>02/18/03</b>		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)							
Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Owner-ship 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>	02/18/03		A		15000	A		260967	D	
Common Stock								349317	D	
Common Stock								40630	I	By Spouse
Common Stock								62924 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k)
Common Stock								15390 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	ESOP

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

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

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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)**

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 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		18397		08/18/03	02/18/13	Common Stock	18397		1283023	D	
Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		50000		02/18/04	02/18/13	Common Stock	50000			D	
Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		50000		02/18/05	02/18/13	Common Stock	50000			D	
Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		50000		02/18/06	02/18/13	Common Stock	50000		1433023	D	
Common Stock Award <sup>(4)</sup>										Common Stock	44000		44000	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

(1) Represents stock units payable automatically in common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

(2) as of 01/31/03

(3) as of 12/31/02

(4) with tandem tax withholding right

By: /s/ **Eileen C. Ratzka (POA)**  
**William A. Osborn**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**02/20/03**  
Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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