

NORTHERN TRUST CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
PERO PERRY 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 S. LA SALLE ST.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/22/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice Chairman

CHICAGO, IL 60675

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/22/2004		F	(A) or (D) 3,402 <u>(2)</u>	\$ 97,456 ⁽³⁾ 39.755	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2004		F	1,131 <u>(4)</u>	\$ 648,284 ⁽⁵⁾ 39.755	D	
Common Stock					89,821 ⁽⁶⁾	I	401(k)
Common Stock					15,443 ⁽⁷⁾	I	ESOP

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

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