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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and A ROWE JOH | Symbol NORTI | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHERN TRUST CORP [NTRS] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|-----------|--|
| (Last) 50 SOUTH | (First) (M | (Month/I | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2010 | | | X Director Officer (gives | ve title Other (specify below) | | |
| CHICAGO, | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | |
| (City) | | Zip) Tah | la I. Non D | onivativa S | Socurities A | Person cquired, Disposed | of an Danoficia | lly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. SecurionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, | ties (1 (A) or (1 of (D) (4 and 5) (A) or | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock (1) | | | | | | 10,272.68 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 11,000 | I | By Trust | |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | | 6. Date Exer | | 7. Title and A | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Derivative Security | Conversion or Exercise | (Month/Day/Year) | any | Transaction Code | Derivative | Expiration D (Month/Day/ | | Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | | Derivativ Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | | | , | (Instr. 5) |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Units | (2) | 12/31/2010 | | A | 540 | <u>(3)</u> | (3) | Common Stock | 540 | \$0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| r | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| ROWE JOHN W | | | | | | |
| 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET | X | | | | | |
| CHICAGO, IL 60603 | | | | | | |

Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for John W.

Rowe 01/04/2011

**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) 1-for-1
- (3) The stock units will be paid in cash to the Director upon termination of the Director's service on the Board.
- (4) Stock units representing the deferral of the quarterly retainer and the deferral of board and committee fees pursuant to the Northern Trust Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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