#### MORRISON WILLIAM L

Form 4

October 27, 2009

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET	[NTRS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/23/2009	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) EVP & CFO		
(Street)	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		
CHICAGO, IL 60603		Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	cution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)  Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock (1)	10/23/2009		Code V F	Amount 3,968	(D)	Price \$ 53.385	39,594 (2)	D	
Common Stock (1)	10/23/2009		F	1,624	D	\$ 53.385	34,594 <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock (1)	10/23/2009		F	1,283	D	\$ 53.385	31,075 (4)	D	
Common Stock							51,065.6246 (2) (3) (4)	D	
Common Stock							1,200	I	By Spouse

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Common Stock	200	I	By Son
Common Stock	148	I	By Son
Common Stock	2,538 (5)	I	401(k)

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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)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MORRISON WILLIAM L							
50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET			FVP & CFO				

# **Signatures**

CHICAGO, IL 60603

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

Morrison

10/27/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owners 2

Date

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## **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 23, 2009, 15,000 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 17, 2004, were distributed to the reporting person; 11,032 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 3,968 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.
- On October 23, 2009, 5,000 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 15, 2005, were distributed to the reporting person, 3,376 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 1,624 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.
- On October 23, 2009, 3,519 already reported and vested stock units, granted on February 21, 2006 were distributed to the reporting person; 2,236 stock units were distributed to the reporting person as common stock of NTRS, and 1,283 stock units were withheld in payment of Federal, State and Medicare taxes.
- (5) as of 9/30/2009

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