NBT BANCORP INC

Form 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Form 4

Transactions Reported

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** OWENS WILLIAM L | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) t Issuer | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB] 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) | (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner | | | |
| 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET | 12/31/2008 | Officer (give title Other (specibelow) below) | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) | | | |
| | | (check applicable line) | | | |

NORWICH, NYÂ 13815

(State)

(City)

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting

| (City) | (State) | 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. Securitie (A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 | osed o | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| NBT | | | | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 12/31/2008 | Â | J | 265.115 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 13,695.922 | D | Â |

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

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivate Securit Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 3 | ative ities red sed 3, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------------------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) (I | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Ar or Nu of Sh |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 14.3492 | Â | Â | Â | | | 01/28/2003(2) | 01/28/2012 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.0625 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 01/22/2002(2) | 01/22/2011 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.6008 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 01/01/2004(2) | 01/01/2013 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.7492 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 05/01/2006(2) | 05/01/2015 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 1 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 21.74 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 05/01/2007(2) | 05/01/2016 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 1 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.1388 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 01/01/2005(2) | 01/01/2014 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 1 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.4842 | Â | Â | Â | A | Â | 05/01/2008(2) | 05/01/2017 | NBT Bancorp Inc. | 1 |

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| | | | | | | | | | Common Stock |
|---|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------------|------------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.5508 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 05/01/2009(2) | 05/01/2018 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.2708 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 01/20/2006(2) | 01/20/2015 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| OWENS WILLIAM L 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET | ÂΧ | Â | Â | Â | | | | |
| NORWICH, NY 13815 | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: William L
Owens

01/26/2009

**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) Shares acquired under NBT Bancorp Dividend Reinvestment Plan during period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 at prices ranging from \$21.1468 to \$26.8782 per share.
- Pursuant to NBT Non-Employee Director, Divisional Director and Subsidiary Director Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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