

MCCORMACK ROBERT C  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 MCCORMACK ROBERT C

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)  
 07/27/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S	2,000	D	\$ 51.004	84,768	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S	1,933	D	\$ 51	82,835	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/28/2005		S	400	D	\$ 51.0767	82,435	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/28/2005		S	1,657	D	\$ 51.0528	80,778	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/28/2005		S	1,609	D	\$ 51.0554	79,169	I	GRAT

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Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	2,266	D	\$ 51.1	76,903	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	1,666	D	\$ 51.126	75,237	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	1,666	D	\$ 51.117	73,571	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	1,666	D	\$ 51.0495	71,905	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	1,733	D	\$ 51.0908	70,172	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	1,711	D	\$ 51.0186	68,461	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	1,621	D	\$ 51.0211	66,840	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	72	D	\$ 51	66,768	I	GRAT
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 51.004	269,332	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	967	D	\$ 51	268,365	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	200	D	\$ 51.0767	268,165	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	829	D	\$ 51.0528	267,336	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	805	D	\$ 51.0554	266,531	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	1,134	D	\$ 51.1	265,397	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	834	D	\$ 51.126	264,563	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	834	D	\$ 51.117	263,729	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	834	D	\$ 51.0495	262,895	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	867	D	\$ 51.0908	262,028	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	856	D	\$ 51.0186	261,172	I	RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock	07/28/2005	S	812	D	\$ 51.0211	260,360	I	RCM 1967 Trust
	07/28/2005	S	28	D	\$ 51	260,332	I	

Common Stock							RCM 1967 Trust
Common Stock				30,851	I		Spouse
Common Stock				1,592,952	I		By Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock				1,494	I		McCormack LLC
Common Stock				1,076,400	I		By Trust <sup>(2)</sup>

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 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, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCORMACK ROBERT C 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60675		X		

## Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for Robert C. McCormack  
07/28/2005

\_\_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) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of Mr.McCormack's brother. Mr. McCormack is a co-trustee of the trust.
- (2) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of Mr. McCormack's sons. Mr. McCormack is a co-trustee of the trust.

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