

MORRISON WILLIAM L  
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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 \*  
**MORRISON WILLIAM L**

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)  
 04/27/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & President/PFS

CHICAGO, IL 60675

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/27/2006		M		2,468 A \$ 28.3125	50,801.6246	D
Common Stock	04/27/2006		M		23,110 A \$ 34.5938	73,911.6246	D
Common Stock	04/27/2006		M		25,000 A \$ 32.615	98,911.6246	D
Common Stock	04/27/2006		F		8,015 D \$ 58.925	90,896.6246	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>						58,039	D

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Common Stock	2,465 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k)
Common Stock	148	I	Custodian for Child
Common Stock	1,200	I	By Spouse

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 28.3125	04/27/2006		M	2,468	09/16/1999 09/16/2007	Common Stock	2,468	
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 34.5938	04/27/2006		M	23,110	09/15/2000 09/15/2008	Common Stock	23,110	
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 32.615	04/27/2006		M	25,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/18/2013	Common Stock	25,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORRISON WILLIAM L 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60675			EVP & President/PFS	

## Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for William L.  
Morrison

04/28/2006

\_\_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) as of 3/31/2006
- (3) 2/18/04 as to 21,666 shares; 2/18/05 as to 21,667 shares; 2/18/06 as to 21,667 shares

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