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# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and A              |            | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Northern Trust Corporation NTRS |         |                                     |            |        |        |                                    |                            | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |             |   |  |  |
|----------------------------|------------|---|---------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------|---|--|--|
| Helman, Rob                | ert A.     |   |         |                                     |            |        |        |                                    |                            |   |             |   |  |  |
| Security                   |            |   |         | S.S. Identi<br>porting P            |            |        | nber   | 4. Statement for<br>Month/Day/Year |                            |   | Director    |   |  |  |
|                            |            | Maw   | if      | an                                  | entity (vo | luntai | ry)    |                                    | 03/31/03                   |   | C           | Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below) |  |  |
|                            | (Street)   |   |         |                                     |            |        |        |                                    | 5. If Amer                 |   | /           | . Individual or Joint/Group Filing                |  |  |
|                            |            |   |         |                                     |            |        |        |                                    | Date of O                  | _   |             | Check Applicable Line)                            |  |  |
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|                            |            |   |         |                                     |            |        |        |                                    |                            |   | P           | erson   |  |  |
|                            |            |   |         |                                     |            |        |        |                                    |                            |   | D           | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person      |  |  |
| (Cit                       | y) (State) | (7in)   |         |                                     | Table I    | No     | n Dori | votivo                             | Securities                 | Acqui   | -           | ed of, or Beneficially Owned                      |  |  |
|                            |            | T   | 2 Tuo   |                                     |            |        |        |                                    |                            | Acqui   | 6. Owner-   | 7. Nature of Indirect                             |  |  |
|                            |            |   | action  | nns- 4. Securities<br>n Acquired (A |            |        |        |                                    | 6. Amount of<br>Securities |   | ship Form:  | Beneficial Ownership                              |  |  |
| -                          |            |   | Code    |                                     | Disposed 2 |        |        | Benefi                             | _                          |   | Direct (D)  | -   |  |  |
| (111341. 3)                |            | ,   | (Instr. |                                     | (Instr. 3, |        |        |                                    | d Follow-                  |   | or Indirect | (msu. 1)  |  |  |
|                            |            |   | Code    |                                     | Amount     |        | i      | ing Re                             |                            |   | (I)         |   |  |  |
|                            | Year)      |   | Code    | '                                   | 7 timount  | or     | 11100  | _                                  | ctions(s)                  |   | (Instr. 4)  |   |  |  |
|                            |            |   |         |                                     |            | (D)    |        | (Instr.                            | 3 & 4)                     |   |             |   |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock <u>(1)</u> |            |   |         |                                     |            |        |        |                                    |                            | 4800  | D           |   |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock            |            |   |         |                                     |            |        |        |                                    |                            | 3600  | D           |   |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock            |            |   |         |                                     |            |        |        |                                    |                            | 3600  | I           | Held by trustee under employer retirement trust   |  |  |

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

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#### **FORM 4 (continued)** Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially **Owned**

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

|             |            |           | 0/1 /     |        |        |                     |              |             |              |        |             |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------|-------------|
| 1. Title of | 2. Conver- | 3. Trans- | 3A.       | 4.     | 5.     | 6. Date Exercisable | 7. Title and | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10.    | 11. Nature  |
| Derivative  | sion or    | action    | Deemed    | Trans- | Number | and Expiration      | Amount of    | Derivative  | Derivative   | Owner- | of Indirect |
| Security    | Exercise   | Date      | Execution | action | of     | Date                | Underlying   | Security    | Securities   | ship   | Beneficial  |

<sup>\*</sup> If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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| (Instr. 3)     |         | (Month/<br>Day/<br>Year) | if any<br>(Month/ | Code<br>(Instr.<br>8) | Sec<br>Acc<br>(A) | uritic<br>quirector<br>or<br>posect<br>D) |              |                         | Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) |  | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) |   | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|----------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------|
|                |         |                          |                   | Code V                | (A)               |   | Exer-cisable | Expira-<br>tion<br>Date |                           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |   |                         |
| Stock<br>Units | 1-for-1 | 03/31/03                 |                   | A                     | 571               |   |              |                         | Common<br>Stock           |  | <b>9711</b> (2)                                    | D |                         |

Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ Eileen C. Ratzka (POA)
Robert A. Helman

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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<sup>(1)</sup> Represents stock units payable automatically on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.

<sup>(2)</sup> Stock units representing the transfer of prior deferred compensation, deferral of annual stock grant, deferral of quarterly retainer, and deferral of committee fees pursuant to the Northern Trust Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. The distribution will be made in cash.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).