

WADDELL FREDERICK H  
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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 \*  
WADDELL FREDERICK H

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)  
10/20/2006

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

CHICAGO, IL 60675  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/20/2006		F	2,081 <sup>(2)</sup> \$ 57.185	75,826 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					112,307 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By Trust
Common Stock	10/20/2006		G	V 1,402 D \$ 0	110,905	I	By Trust
Common Stock					864	D	
Common Stock					370	I	UTMA-Son



## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* 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) 2,081 stock units withheld in payment of taxes resulting from the vesting of 6,000 stock units.
- (3) Total reflects the distribution of 6,000 vested stock units as shares of common stock. (Reporting person is deferring 754 stock units.)
- (4) Total reflects the distribution of 3,165 shares of common stock (net of taxes and deferral) resulting from the vesting of stock units.
- (5) as of 9/30/2006

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