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Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 0-10592

TRUSTCO BANK CORP NY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

14-1630287
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5 SARNOWSKI DRIVE, GLENNVILLE, NEW YORK 12302
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (518) 377-3311

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Name of exchange on which registered) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value | The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.
Yes. No.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes. No.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.
Yes. No.

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K. T

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer T Accelerated Filer £ Non-Accelerated Filer £ Smaller reporting company £

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes. £ No. T

The aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2008 was approximately \$530,200,564 (based upon the closing price of \$7.42 on June 30, 2008, as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market).

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of February 20, 2008 was 76,218,339.

Documents Incorporated by Reference: (1) Portions of registrant's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 (Part I and Part II) and (2) Portions of registrant's Proxy Statement filed for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 18, 2009 (Part III).

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USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) has adopted Regulation G, which applies to all public disclosures, including earnings releases, made by registered companies that contain “non-GAAP financial measures.” GAAP is generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. Under Regulation G, companies making disclosures containing non-GAAP financial measures must also disclose, along with each non-GAAP financial measure, certain additional information, including a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure to the closest comparable GAAP financial measure and a statement of the company’s reasons for utilizing the non-GAAP financial measure as part of its financial disclosures. At the same time that the SEC issued Regulation G, it also made amendments to Item 10 of Regulation S-K, requiring companies to make the same types of supplemental disclosures whenever they include non-GAAP financial measures in their filings with the SEC. The SEC has exempted from the definition of “non-GAAP financial measures” certain specific types of commonly used financial measures that are not based on GAAP. When these exempted measures are included in public disclosures or SEC filings, supplemental information is not required. The following measures used in this Report which have not been specifically exempted by the SEC may nevertheless constitute “non-GAAP financial measures” within the meaning of the SEC’s new rules, although we are unable to state with certainty that the SEC would so regard them.

Tax-Equivalent Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin: Net interest income, as a component of the tabular presentation by financial institutions of Selected Financial Information regarding their recently completed operations, is commonly presented on a tax-equivalent basis. That is, to the extent that some component of the institution’s net interest income will be exempt from taxation (e.g., was received by the institution as a result of its holdings of state or municipal obligations), an amount equal to the tax benefit derived from that component is added back to the net interest income total. This adjustment is considered helpful in comparing one financial institution’s net interest income (pre-tax) to that of another institution, as each will have a different proportion of tax-exempt items in their portfolios. Moreover, net interest income is itself a component of a second financial measure commonly used by financial institutions, net interest margin, which is the ratio of net interest income to average earning assets. For purposes of this measure as well, tax-equivalent net interest income is generally used by financial institutions, again to provide a better basis of comparison from institution to institution. We follow these practices.

The Efficiency Ratio: Financial institutions often use an “efficiency ratio” as a measure of expense control. The efficiency ratio typically is defined as noninterest expense divided by taxable equivalent net interest income plus noninterest income. As in the case of net interest income, generally, net interest income as utilized in calculating the efficiency ratio is typically expressed on a tax-equivalent basis. Moreover, most financial institutions, in calculating the efficiency ratio, also adjust both noninterest expense and noninterest income to exclude from these items (as calculated under GAAP) certain component elements, such as non-recurring charges, and other real estate expense (deducted from noninterest expense) and securities transactions and other non-recurring income items (excluded from noninterest income). We follow these practices.

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PART I

Item 1. Business

General

TrustCo Bank Corp NY (“TrustCo” or the “Company”) is a savings and loan holding company having its principal place of business at 5 Sarnowski Drive, Glenville, New York 12302. TrustCo was incorporated under the laws of New York in 1981 to acquire all of the outstanding stock of Trustco Bank, National Association, formerly known as Trustco Bank New York, and prior to that, The Schenectady Trust Company.

Through policy and practice, TrustCo continues to emphasize that it is an equal opportunity employer. There were 756 full-time equivalent employees of TrustCo at year-end 2008. TrustCo had 14,149 shareholders of record as of December 31, 2008 (the last business day in 2008) and the closing price of the TrustCo common stock on that date was \$9.51.

Subsidiaries

Trustco Bank

Trustco Bank is a federal savings bank engaged in providing general banking services to individuals, partnerships, and corporations. The Bank operates 125 automatic teller machines and 124 banking offices in Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Ulster, Warren, Washington and Westchester counties of New York, Charlotte, Hillsborough, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole and Volusia counties in Florida, Bennington County in Vermont, Berkshire County in Massachusetts and Bergen County in New Jersey. The largest part of such business consists of accepting deposits and making loans and investments. The Bank provides a wide range of both personal and business banking services. The Bank is supervised and regulated by the federal Office of Thrift Supervision (“OTS”) and is a member of the Federal Reserve System. Its deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) to the extent permitted by law. The Bank’s subsidiary Trustco Realty Corp. holds certain mortgage assets that are serviced by the Bank. The Bank accounted for substantially all of TrustCo’s 2008 consolidated net income and average assets. During 2008, the Bank dissolved and liquidated its former subsidiary Trustco Vermont Investment Company and caused the distribution of all of the assets of that subsidiary to the Bank; the Bank holds one other subsidiary, Trustco Insurance Agency, Inc., which is a licensed insurance agency, although such subsidiary does not engage in any significant business activities.

The trust department of the Bank serves as executor of estates and trustee of personal trusts, provides asset and wealth management services, provides estate planning and related advice, provides custodial services, and acts as trustee for various types of employee benefit plans and corporate pension and profit sharing trusts. The aggregate market value of the assets under trust, custody, or management of the trust department of the Bank was approximately \$765 million as of December 31, 2008.

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The daily operations of the Bank remain the responsibility of its officers, subject to the oversight of its Board of Directors and overall supervision by TrustCo. The accounts of the Bank are included in TrustCo's consolidated financial statements.

ORE Subsidiary

In 1993, TrustCo created ORE Subsidiary Corp., a New York corporation, to hold and manage certain foreclosed properties acquired by the Bank. The accounts of this subsidiary are included in TrustCo's consolidated financial statements.

Recent Market Developments

In response to the financial crises affecting the banking system and financial markets and going concern threats to investment banks and other financial institutions, on October 3, 2008, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (the "EESA") was signed into law. Under the EESA, the U.S. Department of the Treasury was given the authority to, among other things, purchase up to \$700 billion of securities and certain other financial instruments from financial institutions for the purpose of stabilizing and providing liquidity to the U.S. financial markets.

On October 14, 2008, the Treasury Department announced a Capital Purchase Program under which it would acquire equity investments, usually preferred stock, in banks and thrifts and their holding companies. In conjunction with the purchase of preferred stock, the Treasury Department also received warrants to purchase common stock from participating financial institutions. Participating financial institutions also were required to adopt the Treasury Department's standards for executive compensation and corporate governance for the period during which the department holds equity issued under the Capital Purchase Program. TrustCo has determined that it would not participate in the Capital Purchase Program.

On November 21, 2008, the FDIC adopted a final rule relating to a Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program, which the FDIC had previously announced as an initiative to counter the system-wide crisis in the nation's financial sector. Under the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program the FDIC will (i) guarantee, through the earlier of maturity or June 30, 2012, certain newly issued senior unsecured debt issued by participating institutions on or after October 14, 2008, and before June 30, 2009 and (ii) provide full FDIC deposit insurance coverage for non-interest bearing transaction deposit accounts, Negotiable Order of Withdrawal ("NOW") accounts paying less than 0.5% interest per annum and certain other accounts held at participating FDIC-insured institutions through December 31, 2009. Coverage under the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program was available for the first 30 days without charge. The fee assessment for coverage of senior unsecured debt ranges from 50 basis points to 100 basis points per annum, depending on the initial maturity of the debt. The fee assessment for deposit insurance coverage is 10 basis points per quarter on amounts in covered accounts exceeding \$250,000. The Company has elected to participate in both guarantee programs.

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”), more commonly known as the economic stimulus or economic recovery package, was signed into law on February 17, 2009, by President Obama. ARRA includes a wide variety of programs intended to stimulate the economy and provide for extensive infrastructure, energy, health, and education needs. In addition, ARRA imposes certain new executive compensation and corporate expenditure limits on all current and future TARP recipients until the recipient has repaid the Treasury, which is now permitted under ARRA without penalty and without the need to raise new capital, subject to the Treasury’s consultation with the recipient’s appropriate regulatory agency.

Competition

TrustCo faces strong competition in its market areas, both in attracting deposits and making loans. The Company’s most direct competition for deposits, historically, has come from commercial banks, savings associations, and credit unions that are located or have branches in the Bank’s market areas. The competition ranges from other locally based commercial banks, savings banks and credit unions to branch offices of the largest financial institutions in the United States. In its principal market areas the Capital District area of New York State and Central Florida, TrustCo’s principal competitors are local operations of super regional banks, branch offices of money center banks, and locally based commercial and savings banks. The Bank is the largest depository institution headquartered in the Capital District area of New York State. The Company also faces competition for deposits from national brokerage houses, short-term money market funds, and other corporate and government securities funds.

Factors affecting the acquisition of deposits include pricing, office locations and hours of operation, the variety of deposit accounts offered, and the quality of customer service provided. Competition for loans has been especially keen during the last several years. Commercial banks, thrift institutions, traditional mortgage brokers affiliated with local offices and nationally franchised real estate brokers are all active and aggressive competitors. The Company competes in this environment by providing a full range of financial services based on a tradition of financial strength and integrity dating from its inception. The Company competes for loans, principally through the interest rates and loan fees it charges, and the efficiency and quality of services it provides to borrowers.

Supervision and Regulation

Banking is a highly regulated industry, with numerous federal and state laws and regulations governing the organization and operation of banks and their affiliates. As a savings and loan holding company registered under the Home Owners’ Loan Act of 1934 (the “HOLA”), TrustCo is regulated and examined by the OTS. The HOLA requires TrustCo to obtain prior OTS approval for acquisitions and restricts the business operations permitted to TrustCo. The OTS is also the Bank’s primary federal regulator and supervises and examines the Bank. Because the FDIC provides deposit insurance to the Bank, the Bank is also subject to its supervision and regulation even though the FDIC is not the Bank’s primary federal regulator.

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Most of TrustCo's revenues consist of cash dividends paid to TrustCo by the Bank, payment of which is subject to various regulatory limitations. (Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements contained in TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008 contains information concerning restrictions on TrustCo's ability to pay dividends and is hereby incorporated by reference.) Compliance with the standards set forth in the OTS rules regarding capital distribution by savings associations and savings banks could also limit the amount of dividends that TrustCo may pay to its shareholders. The banking industry is also affected by the monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government, including the Federal Reserve System, which exerts considerable influence over the cost and availability of funds obtained for lending and investing.

See Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements contained in TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008, and the discussion under "Federal Savings Institution Regulations – Regulatory Capital Requirements," which contain information concerning the Bank's regulatory capital requirements.

The following summary of laws and regulations applicable to the Company and the Bank is not intended to be a complete description of those laws and regulations or their effects on the Company and the Bank, and it is qualified in its entirety by reference to the particular statutory and regulatory provisions described.

Holding Company Activities

The activities of savings and loan holding companies are governed by the HOLA. Since TrustCo became a savings and loan holding company in 2002, its activities are limited to those permissible for "multiple" savings and loan holding companies (that is, savings and loan holding companies owning more than one savings association subsidiary) as of March 5, 1987, activities permitted for bank holding companies as of November 12, 1999 and activities permissible for "financial holding companies" (which are described below). "Savings associations" include federal savings banks such as the Bank. TrustCo must obtain approval from the appropriate bank regulatory agencies before acquiring control of any insured depository institution.

A savings and loan holding company is prohibited from, directly or indirectly, acquiring more than 5% of the voting stock of another financial institution or savings and loan holding company, without prior written approval of the Office of Thrift Supervision and from acquiring or retaining control of a depository institution that is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In evaluating applications by holding companies to acquire savings institutions, the Office of Thrift Supervision considers the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of the Company and institution involved, the effect of the acquisition on the risk to the deposit insurance funds, the convenience and needs of the community and competitive factors.

The Office of Thrift Supervision may not approve any acquisition that would result in a multiple savings and loan holding company controlling savings institutions in more than one state, subject to two exceptions: (i) the approval of interstate supervisory acquisitions by savings and loan holding companies and (ii) the acquisition of a savings institution in another state if the laws of the state of the target savings institution specifically permit such acquisitions. The states vary in the extent to which they permit interstate savings and loan holding company acquisitions.

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Although savings and loan holding companies are not currently subject to specific capital requirements or specific restrictions on the payment of dividends or other capital distributions, federal regulations do prescribe such restrictions on subsidiary savings institutions as described below. In addition, the financial impact of a holding company on its subsidiary institution is a matter that is evaluated by the Office of Thrift Supervision and the agency has authority to order cessation of activities or divestiture of subsidiaries deemed to pose a threat to the safety and soundness of the institution.

Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance

The Company's common stock is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the Company is subject to restrictions, reporting requirements and review procedures under federal securities laws and regulations. The Company is also subject to the rules and reporting requirements of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, on which its Common Stock is traded. Like other issuers of publicly traded securities, the Company must also comply with The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("Sarbanes-Oxley"), which implemented legislative reforms intended to address corporate and accounting fraud and contains reforms of various business practices and numerous aspects of corporate governance. For example, Sarbanes-Oxley addresses accounting oversight and corporate governance matters, including the creation of a five-member oversight board appointed by the Securities and Exchange Commission to set and enforce auditing, quality control and independence standards for accountants and have investigative and disciplinary powers; increased responsibilities and codified requirements relating to audit committees of public companies and how they interact with a company's public accounting firm; the prohibition of accounting firms from providing various types of consulting services to public clients and requiring accounting firms to rotate partners among public client assignments every five years; expanded disclosure of corporate operations and internal controls and certification by chief executive officers and chief financial officers to the accuracy of periodic reports filed with the SEC; and prohibitions on public company insiders from trading during retirement plan "blackout" periods, restrictions on loans to company executives and enhanced controls on and reporting of insider trading.

Although the Company has and will continue to incur additional expense in complying with the provisions of Sarbanes-Oxley and the resulting regulations, management does not expect that such compliance will have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Federal Savings Institution Regulation

Business Activities. Federal law and regulations govern the activities of federal savings banks such as the Bank. These laws and regulations delineate the nature and extent of the activities in which federal savings banks may engage. In particular, certain lending authority for federal savings banks, e.g., commercial, non-residential real property loans and consumer loans, is limited to a specified percentage of the institution's capital or assets.

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Regulatory Capital Requirements. OTS capital regulations require thrifts to satisfy three capital ratio requirements: tangible capital, Tier 1 core (leverage) capital, and risk-based capital. In general, an association's tangible capital, which must be at least 1.5% of adjusted total assets, is the sum of common shareholders' equity adjusted for the effects of other comprehensive income ("OCI"), net of the adjustment to record the previously unrecognized over funded position of employee benefit plans, less goodwill and other disallowed assets. An association's ratio of Tier 1 core capital to adjusted total assets (the "core capital" or "leverage" ratio) must be at least 3% for the most highly rated associations and 4% for others. Higher capital ratios may be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profile of a given association. Under the risk-based capital requirement, a savings association must have total capital (core capital plus supplementary capital) equal to at least 8% of risk-weighted assets. Tier 1 capital must represent at least 50% of total capital and consists of core capital elements, which include common shareholders' equity, qualifying noncumulative nonredeemable perpetual preferred stock, and minority interests in the equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, but exclude goodwill and certain other intangible assets. Supplementary capital mainly consists of qualifying subordinated debt and portions of allowance for loan losses.

The above capital requirements are viewed as minimum standards by the OTS. The OTS regulations also specify minimum requirements for a savings association to be considered a "well-capitalized institution" as defined in the "prompt corrective action" regulation described below. A "well-capitalized" savings association must have a total risk-based capital ratio of 10% or greater, and a leverage ratio of 5% or greater.

Additionally, to qualify as a "well-capitalized institution," a savings association's Tier 1 risk-based capital, defined as core capital plus supplementary capital less portions of the association's allowance for loan losses, must be equal to at least 6% of risk-weighted assets. The Bank currently meets all of the requirements of a "well-capitalized institution."

The OTS regulations contain prompt corrective action provisions that require certain mandatory remedial actions and authorize certain other discretionary actions to be taken by the OTS against a savings association that falls within specified categories of capital deficiency. The relevant regulations establish five categories of capital classification for this purpose, ranging from "well-capitalized" or "adequately capitalized" through "undercapitalized," "significantly undercapitalized" and "critically undercapitalized." In general, the prompt corrective action regulations prohibit an OTS-regulated institution from declaring any dividends, making any other capital distributions, or paying a management fee to a controlling person, such as its parent holding company, if, following the distribution or payment, the institution would be within any of the three undercapitalized categories.

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Insurance of Deposit Accounts. Deposits of Trustco Bank are insured by the Deposit Insurance Fund (“DIF”) of the FDIC. The FDIC determines insurance premiums based on a number of factors, primarily the risk of loss that insured institutions pose to the DIF. Recent legislation eliminated the minimum 1.25% reserve ratio for the insurance funds, the mandatory assessments when the ratio falls below 1.25% and the prohibition on assessing the highest quality banks when the ratio is above 1.25%. The FDIC has the ability to adjust the new insurance fund’s reserve ratio between 1.15% and 1.5%, depending on projected losses, economic changes and assessment rates at the end of a calendar year.

In an effort to restore capitalization levels and to ensure the DIF will have the resources to cover projected losses from future bank failures, the FDIC in October 2008 proposed a rule to change the way in which it differentiates for risk in the risk-based assessment system and to revise deposit insurance assessment rates, including base assessment rates. The FDIC also proposed to introduce three adjustments that could be made to an institution’s initial base assessment rate. In addition, the FDIC proposed raising the current rates uniformly by 7 basis points for the assessment for the first quarter of 2009 resulting in annualized assessment rates for Risk Category 1 institutions ranging from 12 to 14 basis points. The proposal for first quarter 2009 assessment rates was adopted as a final rule in December 2008. The FDIC also proposed, effective April 1, 2009, initial base assessment rates for Risk Category 1 institutions of 10 to 14 basis points. After the effect of potential base-rate adjustments, the annualized assessment rate for Risk Category 1 institutions would range from 8 to 21 basis points. A final rule related to this proposal is expected to be issued during the first quarter of 2009.

A change in insurance premiums could have an adverse effect on the operating expenses and results of operations of Trustco Bank. The Bank cannot predict what insurance assessment rates will be in the future. Assessment credits have been provided to institutions that paid high premiums in the past, and Trustco Bank will have credits of approximately \$187 thousand to offset premiums in the future.

Insurance of deposits may be terminated by the FDIC upon a finding that the institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices, is in an unsafe or unsound condition to continue operations or has violated any applicable law, regulation, rule, order or condition imposed by the FDIC or the OTS. The Bank does not know of any practice, condition or violation that might lead to termination of its deposit insurance.

In addition to the assessment for deposit insurance, institutions are required to make payments on bonds issued in the late 1980s by the Financing Corporation to recapitalize a predecessor deposit insurance fund.

Limitation on Capital Distributions. Office of Thrift Supervision regulations impose limitations upon all capital distributions by Trustco Bank, including cash dividends, payments to repurchase its shares and payments to stockholders of another institution in a cash-out merger. Under the regulations, an application to and the prior approval of the Office of Thrift Supervision is required prior to any capital distribution if the institution does not meet the criteria for “expedited treatment” of applications under Office of Thrift Supervision regulations (i.e., generally, examination ratings in the two top categories), the total capital distributions for the calendar year exceed net income for that year plus the amount of retained net income for the preceding two years, the institution would be undercapitalized following the distribution or the distribution would otherwise be contrary to a statute, regulation or agreement with Office of Thrift Supervision. If an application is not required, the institution must still provide prior notice to Office of Thrift Supervision of the capital distribution if, like the Bank, it is a subsidiary of a holding company. In the event the Bank’s capital fell below its regulatory requirements or the Office of Thrift Supervision notified it that it was in need of more than normal supervision, the Bank’s ability to make capital distributions could be restricted. In addition, the Office of Thrift Supervision could prohibit a proposed capital distribution by any institution, which would otherwise be permitted by the regulation, if the Office of Thrift Supervision determines that such distribution would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice.

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Assessments. The Bank is required to pay assessments to the Office of Thrift Supervision to fund the agency's operations. The general assessments, paid on a semi-annual basis, is computed upon the Bank's total assets, including consolidated subsidiaries, as reported in the Bank's latest quarterly thrift financial report. The assessments paid by the Bank for the year ended December 31, 2008 totaled approximately \$598 thousand.

Community Reinvestment Act. The Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA") requires each savings institution, as well as commercial banks and certain other lenders, to identify the communities served by the institution's offices and to identify the types of credit the institution is prepared to extend within those communities. The CRA also requires the OTS to assess an institution's performance in meeting the credit needs of its identified communities as part of its examination of the institution, and to take such assessments into consideration in reviewing applications with respect to branches, mergers and other business combinations, including acquisitions by savings and loan holding companies. An unsatisfactory CRA rating may be the basis for denying such an application and community groups have successfully protested applications on CRA grounds. In connection with its assessment of CRA performance, the OTS assigns CRA ratings of "outstanding," "satisfactory," "needs to improve" or "substantial noncompliance." The Bank was rated "satisfactory" in its last CRA examination. Institutions are evaluated based on (i) its record of helping to meet the credit needs of its assessment area through lending activities; (ii) its qualified investments; and (iii) the availability and effectiveness of the institution's system for delivering retail banking services. An institution that is found to be deficient in its performance in meeting its community's credit needs may be subject to enforcement actions, including cease and desist orders and civil money penalties.

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Qualified Thrift Lender Test. Like all OTS-regulated institutions, the Bank is required to meet a Qualified Thrift Lender (“QTL”) test or the Internal Revenue Code’s Domestic Building and Loan Association (“DBLA”) test to avoid certain restrictions on its operations, including restrictions on its ability to branch interstate and the Company’s mandatory registration as a savings and loan holding company under the Act. A savings association satisfies the QTL test if: (i) on a monthly average basis in at least nine months out of each twelve month period, at least 65% of a specified asset base of the savings association consists of loans to small businesses, credit card loans, educational loans, or certain assets related to domestic residential real estate, including residential mortgage loans and mortgage securities; or (ii) at least 60% of the savings association’s total assets consist of cash, U.S. government or government agency debt or equity securities, fixed assets, or loans secured by deposits, real property used for residential, educational, church, welfare, or health purposes, or real property in certain urban renewal areas. To be a QTL under the DBLA test, a savings association must meet a “business operations test” and a “60 percent of assets test.” The business operations test requires the business of a DBLA to consist primarily of acquiring the savings of the public and investing in loans. An institution meets the public savings requirement when it meets one of two conditions: (i) The institution acquires its savings accounts in conformity with OTS rules and regulations and (ii) The general public holds more than 75 percent of its deposits, withdrawable shares, and other obligations. An institution meets the investing in loans requirement when more than 75 percent of its gross income consists of interest on loans and government obligations, and various other specified types of operating income that financial institutions ordinarily earn. The 60 percent of assets test requires that at least 60 percent of a DBLA's assets must consist of assets that thrifts normally hold, except for consumer loans that are not educational loans. The Bank is currently, and expects to remain, in compliance with these standards.

Federal Reserve System

Federal Reserve Board regulations require savings institutions to maintain non-interest bearing reserves against their transaction accounts. The reserve for transaction accounts as of December 31, 2008 was as follows:

| Amount of transaction accounts | Reserve Requirement |
|--|--|
| \$0 to \$10.3 million | 0 percent of amount. |
| Over \$10.3 million and up to \$44.4 million | 3 percent of amount. |
| Over \$44.4 million | \$1,023,000 plus 10 percent of amount over \$44.4 million. |

The Bank is in compliance with these requirements as of December 31, 2008.

Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act Privacy Requirements

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 (the "GLB Act") generally provided for sweeping financial modernization for commercial banks, savings banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial institutions operating in the United States. Among other matters, the GLB Act established a federal right to the confidential treatment of nonpublic personal information about consumers. These provisions of the GLB Act require disclosure of privacy policies to consumers and, in some circumstances, will allow consumers to prevent disclosure of certain personal information to a nonaffiliated third party. Compliance with the rules was mandatory starting on July 1, 2001. These rules affect how consumer information is transmitted through diversified financial companies and conveyed to outside vendors. Because the Company does not sell customer information or give customer information to outside third parties or its affiliates except under very limited circumstances (e.g., providing customer information to the Company's data processing provider), the rules have not had a significant impact on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

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Other Legislation

The USA PATRIOT Act ("Patriot Act"), which was enacted in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, adopted numerous provisions designed to fight international money laundering and to block terrorist access to the U.S. financial system. Under Title III of the Patriot Act, also known as the International Money Laundering Abatement and Anti-Terrorism Financing Act of 2001, all financial institutions, including the Company and the Bank, are required to take certain measures to identify their customers, prevent money laundering, monitor certain customer transactions and report suspicious activity to U.S. law enforcement agencies, and scrutinize or prohibit altogether certain transactions of special concern. Financial institutions also are required to respond to requests for information from federal banking regulatory agencies and law enforcement agencies concerning their customers and their transactions. Information-sharing among financial institutions concerning terrorist or money laundering activities is encouraged by an exemption provided from the privacy provisions of the GLB Act and other laws. Further, the effectiveness of a financial institution in combating money laundering activities is a factor to be considered in applications submitted by a financial institution under the Bank Merger Act. The Company has in place a Bank Secrecy Act compliance program, and it engages in very few transactions of any kind with foreign financial institutions or foreign persons.

The Company operates a wholly owned real estate investment trust ("REIT") subsidiary, which was formed to acquire, hold and manage real estate mortgage assets, including, but not limited to residential mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities. The income earned on these assets, net of expenses, is distributed in the form of dividends. Under current New York State tax law, 60% of the dividends received from the REIT are excluded from total taxable income.

Foreign Operations

Neither TrustCo nor the Bank engage in any operations in foreign countries or have outstanding loans to foreign debtors.

Statistical Information Analysis

The "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" are included in TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008, which contains a presentation and discussion of statistical data relating to TrustCo, is hereby incorporated by reference. This information should not be construed to imply any conclusion on the part of the management of TrustCo that the results, causes, or trends indicated therein will continue in the future. The nature and effects of governmental monetary policy, supervision and regulation, future legislation, inflation and other economic conditions and many other factors which affect interest rates, investments, loans, deposits, and other aspects of TrustCo's operations are extremely complex and could make historical operations, earnings, assets, and liabilities not indicative of what may occur in the future.

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Critical Accounting Policies

Pursuant to recent SEC guidance, management of the Company is encouraged to evaluate and disclose those accounting policies that are judged to be critical policies, or those most important to the portrayal of the Company's financial condition and results of operations, and that require management's most difficult subjective or complex judgments. Management considers the accounting policy relating to the allowance for loan losses to be a critical accounting policy given the inherent subjectivity and uncertainty in estimating the levels of the allowance required to cover credit losses in the portfolio and the material effect that such judgments can have on the results of operations. Included in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements contained in TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders is a description of this critical policy and the other significant accounting policies that are utilized by the Company in the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Availability of Reports

This annual report on Form 10-K and subsequently filed quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and all amendments to those reports are available free of charge from our Internet site, www.trustcobank.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included in the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008 and in future filings by TrustCo with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in TrustCo's press releases, and in oral statements made with the approval of an authorized executive officer which are not historical or current facts are "forward-looking statements" made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical earnings and those presently anticipated or projected. TrustCo wishes to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. The following important factors, among others, in some cases have affected and in the future could affect TrustCo's actual results and could cause TrustCo's actual financial performance to differ materially from that expressed in any forward-looking statement: (i) credit risk; (ii) interest rate risk; (iii) competition; (iv) changes in the regulatory environment; and (v) changes in local market area and general business and economic trends. The foregoing list should not be construed as exhaustive and the Company disclaims any obligation to subsequently revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

These are general risk factors affecting the Company. They are further described under Item 1. “Business” and in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations”. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially and adversely affect our business operations. Any of these risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. In such cases, you may lose all or part of your investment.

The current economic environment poses significant challenges for us and could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We are operating in a challenging and uncertain economic environment, including generally uncertain national and local conditions. Financial institutions continue to be affected by sharp declines in the real estate market and constrained financial markets. Dramatic declines in the housing market over the past year, with falling home prices and increasing foreclosures and unemployment, have resulted in significant write-downs of asset values by financial institutions. Continued declines in real estate values, home sales volumes and financial stress on borrowers as a result of the uncertain economic environment could have an adverse effect on our borrowers or their customers, which could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay common stock dividends at the current level. A worsening of these conditions would likely exacerbate the adverse effects on the financial institutions industry. For example, a current national economic recession, or further deterioration in local economic conditions in our markets, could drive losses beyond that which is provided for in our allowance for loan losses. We may also face the following risks in connection with these events:

- Economic conditions that negatively affect housing prices and the job market have resulted, and may continue to result, in a deterioration in credit quality of our loan portfolio, and such deterioration in credit quality has had, and could continue to have, a negative impact on our business.
- Market developments may affect consumer confidence levels and may cause adverse changes in payment patterns, causing increases in delinquencies and default rates on loans and other credit facilities.
- The processes we use to estimate allowance for loan losses and reserves may no longer be reliable because they rely on complex judgments, which may no longer be capable of accurate estimation.
- Our ability to assess the creditworthiness of our customers may be impaired if the approaches we use to select, manage, and underwrite our customers become less predictive of future charge-offs.
- We expect to face increased regulation of our industry, and compliance with such regulation may increase our costs, limit our ability to pursue business opportunities and increase compliance challenges.

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As these conditions or similar ones continue to exist or worsen, TrustCo could experience continuing or increased adverse effects on our financial condition.

There can be no assurance the recently enacted legislation will help stabilize the U.S. financial system or improve the economy.

There can be no assurance as to the actual impact that the Emergency Economic Stability Act of 2008 (“EESA”), and the programs implemented pursuant to the EESA, including the Capital Purchase Program and Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program, will have on the financial markets, including the extreme levels of volatility and limited credit availability currently being experienced. Similarly, there can be no assurance as to the effect of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”) on the national economy. The failure of these significant legislative measures to help stabilize the financial markets and a continuation or worsening of current financial market conditions could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, access to credit or the trading price of our common shares.

The failure of EESA or ARRA to help stabilize the financial markets and assist in economic recovery and a continuation or worsening of current financial market conditions, could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations or the trading price of our common stock. Additionally, we expect to face increased regulation of our industry, including as a result of the EESA. Compliance with such regulation may increase our costs and limit our ability to pursue business opportunities. We also may be required to pay significantly higher FDIC premiums because market developments have significantly depleted the insurance fund of the FDIC and reduced the ratio of reserves to insured deposits.

Current levels of market volatility are unprecedented and could adversely affect us.

The stock and credit markets have been experiencing volatility and disruption for more than twelve months. In recent months, the volatility and disruption has reached unprecedented levels. In some cases, the markets have produced downward pressure on stock prices and credit availability for certain issuers without regard to those issuers’ underlying financial strength. If current levels of market disruption and volatility continue or worsen, we could experience an adverse effect, which may be material, on our ability to access capital and on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The soundness of other financial institutions could adversely affect us.

Our ability to engage in routine funding transactions could be adversely affected by the actions and commercial soundness of other financial institutions. Financial services institutions are interrelated as a result of trading, clearing, counterparty or other relationships. We have exposure to many different counterparties and we routinely execute transactions with counterparties in the financial services industry, including brokers and dealers, banks, investment banks, mutual funds, and other institutional entities. As a result, defaults by, or even rumors or questions about, one or more financial services institutions, or the financial services industry generally, have led to market-wide liquidity problems and could lead to losses or defaults by us or by other institutions. Many of these transactions expose us to credit risk in the event of default of our counterparty or client. Any such losses could be material and could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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Certain interest rate movements may hurt earnings and asset value.

Interest rates have in recent years hit historical low levels. However, beginning in June 2004, the U.S. Federal Reserve had increased its target for the federal funds rate from 1.00% to 5.25%. Beginning in September 2007, its target federal funds rate has been reduced and ended 2008 at 0.25%. While these short-term market interest rates (which are used as a guide to price the Bank's deposits) have fluctuated, longer-term market interest rates (which are used as a guide to price the Bank's longer-term loans) have not changed in a similar fashion. This "flattening" of the market yield curve has had a negative impact on the Bank's interest rate spread and net interest margin to date, and if short-term interest rates continue to rise, and if rates on the Bank's deposits and borrowings continue to reprice upwards faster than rates on the Bank's long-term loans and investments, the Bank would experience further compression of its interest rate spread and net interest margin, which would have a negative effect on the Bank's profitability.

Changes in interest rates also affect the value of the Bank's interest-earning assets, and in particular the Bank's securities portfolio. Generally, the value of fixed-rate securities fluctuates inversely with changes in interest rates. Unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale are reported as a separate component of equity, net of tax. Decreases in the fair value of securities available for sale resulting from increases in interest rates could have an adverse effect on shareholders' equity.

We are exposed to credit risk in our lending activities.

There are inherent risks associated with our lending and trading activities. Loans to individuals and business entities, our single largest asset group, depend for repayment on the willingness and ability of borrowers to perform as contracted. A material adverse change in the ability of a significant portion of our borrowers to meet their obligation to us, due to changes in economic conditions, interest rates, natural disaster, acts of war, or other causes over which we have no control, could adversely impact the ability of borrowers to repay outstanding loans or the value of the collateral securing these loans, and could have a material adverse impact on our earnings and financial condition.

Strong competition within the Bank's market areas could hurt profits and slow growth.

The Bank faces intense competition both in making loans and attracting deposits. This competition has made it more difficult for the Bank to make new loans and at times has forced the Bank to offer higher deposit rates. Price competition for loans and deposits might result in the Bank earning less on loans and paying more on deposits, which would reduce net interest income. Competition also makes it more difficult to grow loans and deposits and to hire and retain experienced employees. Some of the institutions with which the Bank competes have substantially greater resources and lending limits than the Bank has and may offer services that the Bank does not provide. Management expects competition to increase in the future as a result of legislative, regulatory and technological changes and the continuing trend of consolidation in the financial services industry. The Bank's profitability depends upon its continued ability to compete successfully in its market area.

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The Company operates in a highly regulated environment and may be adversely affected by changes in laws, regulations and tax policies.

As described earlier, the Bank is subject to extensive regulation, supervision and examination by the Office of Thrift Supervision, its primary federal regulator, and by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as insurer of our deposits. In addition, the Company is subject to regulation and supervision by the Office of Thrift Supervision. Such regulation and supervision govern the activities in which an institution and its holding company may engage and are intended primarily for the protection of the insurance fund and the depositors and borrowers of the Bank rather than for holders of the Company's common stock. Regulatory authorities have extensive discretion in their supervisory and enforcement activities, including the imposition of restrictions on operations, the classification of the Bank's assets and determination of the level of allowance for loan losses. Any change in such regulation and oversight, whether in the form of regulatory policy, regulations, legislation or supervisory action, may have a material impact on operations.

Likewise, the Company operates in an environment that imposes income taxes on its operations at both the federal and state levels to varying degrees. Strategies and operating routines have been implemented to minimize the impact of these taxes.

Consequently, any change in tax legislation could significantly alter the effectiveness of these strategies.

Negative events in certain geographic areas could adversely affect us.

Negative conditions in the real estate markets where collateral for our mortgage loans is located could adversely affect our borrower's ability to repay and the value of the collateral. Real estate values are affected by various factors, including changes in general or regional economic conditions, governmental rules or policies and natural disasters such as hurricanes.

We are dependent upon the services of our management team.

We are dependent upon the ability and experience of a number of our key management personnel who have substantial experience with our operations, the financial services industry and the markets in which we offer our services. It is possible that the loss of the services of one or more of our senior executives or key managers would have an adverse effect on our operations. Our success also depends on our ability to continue to attract, manage and retain other qualified middle management personnel as we grow. We cannot assure you that we will continue to attract or retain such personnel.

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Provisions in our articles of incorporation and bylaws and New York law may discourage or prevent takeover attempts, and these provisions may have the effect of reducing the market price of our stock.

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws include several provisions that may have the effect of discouraging or preventing hostile takeover attempts, and therefore, making the removal of incumbent management difficult. The provisions include staggered terms for our board of directors and requirements of supermajority votes to approve certain business transactions. In addition, New York law contains several provisions that may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us without the approval of the board of directors, and may make it more difficult or expensive for a third party to acquire a majority of our outstanding stock. To the extent that these provisions are effective in discouraging or preventing takeover attempts, they may tend to reduce the market price for our stock.

Changes in accounting standards could impact reported earnings.

The accounting standard setting bodies, including the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory bodies, periodically change financial accounting and reporting standards that govern the preparation of our consolidated statements. These changes can be hard to predict and can materially impact how the Company records and reports its financial condition and results of operations. In some cases, we could be required to apply a new or revised accounting standard retroactively, which could effect beginning of period financial statement amounts.

Our disclosure controls and procedures may not prevent or detect all errors or acts of fraud.

Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to reasonably assure that information required to be disclosed by First Financial in reports we file or submit under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to management, and recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. We believe that any disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistakes. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people or by an unauthorized override of the controls. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in our control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

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The preparation of financial statements requires the use of estimates that may vary from actual results.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make significant estimates that affect the financial statements. One of our most critical estimates is the level of the allowance for loan losses. Due to the inherent nature of this estimate, we cannot provide absolute assurance that we will not significantly increase the allowance for loan losses higher than the current balance.

We rely on communications, information, operating and financial control systems, and technology from third-party service providers, and we may suffer an interruption in those systems that may result in lost business. Further, we may not be able to substitute providers on terms that are as favorable if our relationships with our existing service providers are interrupted.

We rely heavily on third-party service providers for much of our communications, information, operating and financial controls systems, and technology. Any failure or interruption or breach in security of these systems could result in failures or interruptions in our customer relationships management, general ledger, deposit, servicing and/or loan origination systems. We cannot assure you that such failures or interruptions will not occur or, if they do occur, that they will be adequately addressed by us or the third parties on which we rely. The occurrence of any failure or interruption could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. If any of our third-party service providers experience financial, operational or technological difficulties, or if there is any other disruption in our relationships with them, we may be required to locate alternative sources of such services, and we cannot assure you that we could negotiate terms that are as favorable to us, or could obtain services with similar functionality as found in our existing systems, without the need to expend substantial resources, if at all. Any of these circumstances could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

If the business continuity and disaster recovery plans that we have in place are not adequate to continue our operations in the event of a disaster, the business disruption can adversely impact our operations.

External events, including terrorist or military actions, or an outbreak of disease, such as Asian Influenza, or “bird flu” and resulting political and social turmoil could cause unforeseen damage to our physical facilities or could cause delays or disruptions to operational functions, including information processing and financial market settlement functions. Additionally, our customers, vendors and counterparties could suffer from such events. Should these events affect us, or our customers, or vendors or counterparties with which we conduct business, our results of operations could be adversely affected.

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Item 1B Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

TrustCo's executive offices are located at 5 Sarnowski Drive, Glenville, New York, 12302. The Company operates 124 offices, of which 23 are owned and 101 are leased from others. The asset value of these properties, when considered in the aggregate, is not material to the operation of TrustCo.

In the opinion of management, the physical properties of TrustCo and the Bank are suitable and adequate and are being fully utilized.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The nature of TrustCo's business generates a certain amount of litigation against TrustCo and its subsidiaries involving matters arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management of TrustCo, there are no proceedings pending to which TrustCo or any of its subsidiaries is a party, or of which its property is the subject which, if determined adversely to TrustCo or such subsidiaries, would be material in relation to TrustCo's consolidated shareholders' equity and financial condition.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

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Executive Officers of TrustCo

The following is a list of the names and ages of the executive officers of TrustCo and their business history for the past five years:

| Name, Age and Position With Trustco | Principal Occupations Or Employment Since January 1, 2003 | Year First Became Executive of TrustCo |
|--|---|--|
| Robert J. McCormick, Age 45, President and Chief Executive Officer | President and Chief Executive Officer of TrustCo since January 2004, Executive Officer of TrustCo since 2001 and President and Chief Executive Officer of Trustco Bank since November 2002. Chairman of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since November 2008. Director of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since 2005. Robert J. McCormick is the son of Robert A. McCormick. | 2000 |
| Robert T. Cushing, Age 53, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of TrustCo since January 2004, President and Chief Executive Officer of TrustCo from November 2002 to December 2003; Executive Officer of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since 1994. Joined Trustco Bank in 1994. | 1994 |
| Scot R. Salvador, Age 42, Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer | Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since January 2004. Executive Officer of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since 2004. Joined Trustco Bank in 1995. | 2004 |
| Thomas M. Poitras, Age 46, Vice President and Secretary | Assistant Secretary of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since 2005. Vice President of Trustco Bank since 2001 and Executive Officer of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since 2005. Joined Trustco Bank in 1986. | 2005 |
| Robert M. Leonard, Age 46, Administrative Vice President and Assistant Secretary | Secretary of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since 2003. Administrative Vice President of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since 2004. Executive Officer of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since 2003. Joined Trustco Bank in 1986. | 2003 |
| Sharon J. Parvis, Age 58, Vice President and Assistant Secretary | Assistant Secretary of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since 2005. Vice President of Trustco Bank since 1996 and Executive Officer of TrustCo and Trustco Bank since 2005. Joined Trustco Bank in 1987. | 2005 |

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PART II

Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

TrustCo's common stock is traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC under the symbol "TRST." Information with respect to the range of high and low sales prices for TrustCo's common stock, and with respect to the frequency and amount of cash dividends declared on the common stock, is set forth on page 1 of TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008. TrustCo had 14,103 shareholders of record as of February 20, 2009, and the closing price of TrustCo's common stock on that date was \$6.08.

The following table provides information, as of December 31, 2008, regarding securities authorized for issuance under TrustCo's equity compensation plans.

| Plan category | Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights | Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights | Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) |
|--|---|---|---|
| | (a) | (b) | (c) |
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders | 3,839,988 | \$ 10.81 | 169,500 |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders | None | None | None |
| Total | 3,839,988 | \$ 10.81 | 169,500 |

No purchases of shares of TrustCo's common stock were made by or on behalf of TrustCo in the fourth quarter of the year ended December 31, 2008.

In the TrustCo Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008, which is filed as Exhibit 13 hereto, contains a graph comparing the yearly percentage change in the Company's cumulative total shareholder return on its common stock with the cumulative return of the Russell 2000 and the SNL Bank and Thrift indices. Such graph is incorporated herein by reference.

No shares were purchased through a publicly announced plan or program. Previously purchases have been made in open-market transactions to provide shares for issuance upon exercise of outstanding stock options issued by the Company and to provide shares for issuance under the Company's dividend reinvestment plan.

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Item 6. Selected Financial Data

TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008, which is filed as Exhibit 13 hereto, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008, which is filed as Exhibit 13 hereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008, which is filed as Exhibit 13 hereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The consolidated financial statements, together with the report thereon of KPMG LLP is included in the TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008, which is filed as Exhibit 13 hereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Disclosure controls and procedures are procedures that are designed with the objective of ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the Company's reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, such as this Form 10-K, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to satisfy the objectives for which they are designed.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, together with the report thereon of KPMG LLP is included in the TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008, which is filed as Exhibit 13 hereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

Subsequent to the date of Management's evaluation there were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls, including internal controls over financial reporting, or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

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Item 9B. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information in TrustCo's Proxy Statement filed for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 18, 2009 under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference: "Information on TrustCo Directors and Nominees" and "Information on TrustCo Executive Officers", and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance". TrustCo has adopted a code of conduct that applies to all employees, including its principal executive, financial and accounting officers. A copy of this code of conduct will be provided without charge upon written request. Requests and inquiries should be directed to: Robert M. Leonard, Administrative Vice President, TrustCo Bank Corp NY, P.O. Box 1082, Schenectady, New York 12301-1082. The required information regarding TrustCo's executive officers is contained in PART I in the item captioned "Executive Officers of TrustCo."

Under rules adopted by the SEC, TrustCo is required to disclose whether it has an "audit committee financial expert" serving on its Audit Committee. The Board has determined that none of the members of the Audit Committee meet the definition of "audit committee financial expert" as defined in those rules. The Board believes that in order to fulfill all the functions of the Board and the Audit Committee, each member of the Board and the Audit Committee should meet all the criteria that have been established by the Board for Board membership and that it is not in the best interests of the Company to nominate as a director someone who does not have all the experience, attributes and qualifications that TrustCo seeks. Further, the Board believes that the present members of the Audit Committee have sufficient knowledge and experience in financial affairs to effectively perform their duties.

TrustCo's Audit Committee consists of five non-employee directors, each of whom has been selected for the Audit Committee by the Board based on a determination that they are fully qualified to monitor the performance of management, the public disclosures by the Company of its financial condition and performance, the Company's internal accounting operations and our independent auditors. Members of the committee include William D. Powers (Chairman), Joseph Lucarelli, Thomas O. Maggs, Anthony J. Marinello, M.D., Ph.D., and William J. Purdy. The Audit Committee has the ability on its own to retain independent accountants or other consultants whenever it deems appropriate, and has, in fact, retained Marvin & Co., an independent accounting firm, as a consultant to the committee. Further, the Audit Committee receives directly or has access to extensive information from reviews and examinations by the Company's internal auditor, independent auditor and the various banking regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over the Company and its subsidiaries.

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Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Corporation's Proxy Statement (Schedule 14A) for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days of the Corporation's fiscal year-end.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Corporation's Proxy Statement (Schedule 14A) for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days of the Corporation's fiscal year-end. Additional information concerning the Company's equity compensation plan is set forth in Part II, Item 5 hereof.

Item 13. Certain Relationships, Related Transactions and Director Independence

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Corporation's Proxy Statement (Schedule 14A) for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days of the Corporation's fiscal year-end.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Corporation's Proxy Statement (Schedule 14A) for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days of the Corporation's fiscal year-end.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules, and Reports on Form 8-K

The following financial statements of TrustCo and its consolidated subsidiaries, and the accountants' report thereon are filed as a part of this report.

Consolidated Statements of Condition -- December 31, 2008 and 2007.

Consolidated Statements of Income -- Years Ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006.

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity -- Years Ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows -- Years Ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Financial Statement Schedules

Not Applicable. All required schedules for TrustCo and its subsidiaries have been included in the consolidated financial statements or related notes thereto.

Supplementary Financial Information

Summary of Unaudited Quarterly Financial Information for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007.

The following exhibits are incorporated herein by reference:*

| Exhibit No | Description |
|------------|---|
| 3(i) | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of TrustCo Bank Corp NY, as amended. |
| 3(ii) | Amended and Restated Bylaws of TrustCo Bank Corp NY, dated September 16, 2008 |
| 10(a) | Amended and Restated Trust For Deferred Benefits Provided under Employment Agreements of Trustco Bank, National Association and TrustCo Bank Corp NY, dated September 18, 2001. |
| 10(b) | Amended and Restated Trust Under Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plans of Trustco Bank, National Association and TrustCo Bank Corp NY, dated September 18, 2001. |
| 10(c) | Amended and Restated Trustco Bank and TrustCo Bank Corp NY Supplemental Retirement Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008. |
| 10(d) | Second Amended and Restated TrustCo Bank Corp NY Performance Bonus Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008. |
| 10(e) | Second Amended and Restated Trustco Bank Executive Officer Incentive Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008. |
| 10(f) | Form of 2008 Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Trustco Bank, TrustCo Bank Corp NY and Robert J. McCormick, Robert T. Cushing and Scot R. Salvador, effective as of January 1, 2008. |
| 10(g) | Amended and Restated TrustCo Bank Corp NY 1995 Stock Option Plan, dated September 18, 2001. |
| 10(h) | Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated 1995 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, dated December 20, 2005. |
| 10(i) | Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated 1995 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, dated December 28, 2005. |

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- 10(j) Amendment No. 3 to Amended and Restated 1995 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, effective January 1, 2008.
- 10(k) Amended and Restated TrustCo Bank Corp NY Directors Stock Option Plan, dated September 18, 2001.
- 10(l) Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated TrustCo Bank Corp NY Directors Stock Option Plan, dated December 28, 2005.
- 10(m) Second Amended and Restated TrustCo Bank Corp NY Directors Performance Bonus Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008.
- 10(n) Amended and Restated Trustco Bank Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, effective as of January 1, 2008.
- 10(o) Consulting Agreement Between TrustCo Bank Corp NY and Robert A. McCormick, dated October 11, 2002.
- 10(p) Service Bureau Processing Agreement by and between Fidelity Information Services, Inc. and TrustCo Bank Corp NY, dated March 3, 2004.
- 10(q) Master Service Agreement by and between Sungard Wealth Management Services, LLC and TrustCo Bank Corp NY dated April 1, 2004 (portions omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment).
- 10(r) 2004 TrustCo Directors Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-115689), filed May 20, 2004).
- 10(s) Amendment No. 1 to 2004 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Directors Stock Option Plan, dated December 28, 2005.
- 10(t) 2004 TrustCo Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-115674), filed May 20, 2004).
- 10(u) Amendment No. 1 to 2004 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, dated December 20, 2005.
- 10(v) Amendment No. 2 to 2004 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, dated December 28, 2005.
- 10(x) Amendment No. 3 to Amended and Restated 1995 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008.
- 10(y) Restatement of Trustco Bank Senior Incentive Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008.

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11 Computation of Net Income Per Common Share.

*The exhibits included under Exhibit 10 constitute all management contracts, compensatory plans and arrangements required to be filed as an exhibit to this form pursuant to Item 15 of this report.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 13 | Portions of Annual Report to Security Holders of TrustCo for the year ended December 31, 2008. |
| 21 | List of Subsidiaries of TrustCo. |
| 23 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. |
| 24 | Power of Attorney. |
| 31(i)(a) | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Robert J. McCormick, principal executive officer. |
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 20, 2009

TrustCo Bank Corp NY

By: /s/ Robert T. Cushing
Robert T. Cushing
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| Name and Signature | Title | Date |
|---|---|-------------------|
| /s/ Robert J. McCormick Robert J. McCormick | Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) | February 20, 2009 |
| /s/ Robert T. Cushing Robert T. Cushing | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer) | February 20, 2009 |
| * Joseph Lucarelli | Director | February 20, 2009 |
| * Thomas O. Maggs | Director | February 20, 2009 |
| * Dr. Anthony J. Marinello | Director | February 20, 2009 |
| * Robert A. McCormick | Director | February 20, 2009 |
| * William D. Powers | Director | February 20, 2009 |
| * William J. Purdy | Director | February 20, 2009 |

* By: / s / T h o m a s
Poitras
Thomas Poitras, as Agent
Pursuant to Power of Attorney

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| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 3(i) | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of TrustCo Bank Corp NY, as amended, incorporated by reference to, Exhibit 3(i)a to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, for the quarter ended June 30, 2007. |
| 3(ii) | Amended and Restated Bylaws of TrustCo Bank Corp NY, dated September 16, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(a) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Report on Form 8-K, filed September 16, 2008. |
| 10(a) | Amended and Restated Trust For Deferred Benefits Provided under Employment Agreements of Trustco Bank, National Association and TrustCo Bank Corp NY, dated September 18, 2001 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2001. |
| 10(b) | Amended and Restated Trust Under Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plans of Trustco Bank, National Association and TrustCo Bank Corp NY, dated September 18, 2001, incorporated by reference to, Exhibit 10(c) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2001. |
| 10(c) | Amended and Restated Trustco Bank and TrustCo Bank Corp NY Supplemental Retirement Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.6 to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 22, 2008. |
| 10(d) | Second Amended and Restated TrustCo Bank Corp NY Performance Bonus Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.5 to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 22, 2008. |
| 10(e) | Second Amended and Restated Trustco Bank Executive Officer Incentive Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.7 to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 22, 2008. |
| 10(f) | Form of 2008 Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Trustco Bank, TrustCo Bank Corp NY and Robert J. McCormick, Robert T. Cushing and Scot R. Salvador, effective as of January 1, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.8 to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 22, 2008. |
| 10(g) | Amended and Restated TrustCo Bank Corp NY 1995 Stock Option Plan, dated September 18, 2001 incorporated by reference to, Exhibit 10(k) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2001. |

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- 10(h) Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated 1995 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, dated December 20, 2005, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(v) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2005.
- 10(i) Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated 1995 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, dated December 28, 2005, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(w) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2005.
- 10(j) Amendment No. 3 to Amended and Restated 1995 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, effective January 1, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 22, 2008.
- 10(k) Amended and Restated TrustCo Bank Corp NY Directors Stock Option Plan, dated September 18, 2001 incorporated by reference to, Exhibit 10(l) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2001.
- 10(l) Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated TrustCo Bank Corp NY Directors Stock Option Plan, dated December 28, 2005, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(z) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2005.
- 10(m) Second Amended and Restated TrustCo Bank Corp NY Directors Performance Bonus Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.4 to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 22, 2008.
- 10(n) Amended and Restated Trustco Bank Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, effective as of January 1, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 22, 2008.
- 10(o) Consulting Agreement Between TrustCo Bank Corp NY and Robert A. McCormick, dated October 11, 2002 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(a) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, for the quarter ended September 30, 2002.
- 10(p) Service Bureau Processing Agreement by and between Fidelity Information Services, Inc. and TrustCo Bank Corp NY dated March 3, 2004 incorporated by reference to, Exhibit 10(b) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, for the quarter ended March 31, 2004.
- 10(q) Master Service Agreement by and between Sungard Wealth Management Services, LLC and TrustCo Bank Corp NY dated April 1, 2004 (portions omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment) incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(a) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.

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- 10(r) 2004 TrustCo Directors Stock Option Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-115689), filed May 20, 2004.
- 10(s) Amendment No. 1 to 2004 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Directors Stock Option Plan, dated December 28, 2005, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(aa) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2005.
- 10(t) 2004 TrustCo Stock Option Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-115674), filed May 20, 2004.
- 10(u) Amendment No. 1 to 2004 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, dated December 20, 2005, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(x) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2005.
- 10(v) Amendment No. 2 to 2004 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, dated December 28, 2005, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(y) to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2005.
- 10(w) Amendment No. 3 to Amended and Restated 1995 TrustCo Bank Corp NY Stock Option Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2o TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 22, 2008.
- 10(x) Restatement of Trustco Bank Senior Incentive Plan, effective as of January 1, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.9 to TrustCo Bank Corp NY's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 22, 2008.
- 11 Computation of Net Income Per Common Share. Note 13 of TrustCo's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008 is incorporated herein by reference.

13 Portions of Annual Report to Security Holders of TrustCo for the year ended December 31, 2008, filed herewith.

21 List of Subsidiaries of TrustCo, filed herewith.

23 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, filed herewith.

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GRAPHICS APPENDIX

| Omitted Charts | Cross Reference to Page of Annual Report |
|----------------|---|
| NONE | N/A |

The charts listed above were omitted from the EDGAR version of Exhibit 13; however, the information depicted in the charts was adequately discussed and/or displayed in the tabular information within Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the Annual Report.