

MCCORMACK ROBERT C  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MCCORMACK ROBERT C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
[NTRS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/28/2009

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

50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET

(Street)

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

CHICAGO, IL 60603

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/28/2009		S		20,000	D	\$ 57.885 (1)
Common Stock (3)					996,400	I	
Common Stock					7,579	D	
Common Stock					20,851	I	
Common Stock					1,303,159	I	
Common Stock					104,796	I	

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Common Stock	1,327,552	I	By Trust <u>(6)</u>
Common Stock	315,518	I	By Trust <u>(7)</u>

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCORMACK ROBERT C 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603		X		

## Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-In-Fact for Robert C. McCormack  
 01/28/2009  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).  
 The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$57.66 to \$58.275. Upon request, the (1) reporting person will provide to the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.

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- (2) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of Mr. McCormack's sister-in-law. Mr. McCormack is a co-trustee of the trust. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (3) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (4) These shares are held in a trust of which Mr. McCormack is a co-trustee and beneficiary. Mr. McCormack's sons have the remainder interest in the trust.
- (5) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of Mr. McCormack's sister-in-law. Mr. McCormack is a co-trustee of the trust. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (6) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of Mr. McCormack's brother. Mr. McCormack is a co-trustee of the trust. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (7) These shares are held in a revocable trust of which Mr. McCormack is a co-trustee and beneficiary.

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