FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  STILLMAN PAUL O						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NBT BANCORP INC [ NBTB ]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET				e)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2005								Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)						
(Street)	-		13815	15		. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						1	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting							
(City) (State) (Zip)														Persor	1					
		Tal	ole I -	Non-Der	ivativ	e Sec	uriti	es A	cquir	ed, C	Disposed (	cially Owned								
1. Title of	Security (Ins	tr. 3)		2. Transact Date (Month/Day		Execu if any	Deemed cution Date, ny nth/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			Acquired (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		l 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Owner Form: D (D) or Ir (I) (Instr	Direct Indirect (. 4)	7. Nati Indired Benefi Owner (Instr.	ct cial ship
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Transaction (Instr. 3 and				(1113111	<del>-</del> )
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock				01/28/2005				M		300	A \$14		492	2 32,359		D				
NBT Ban	corp Inc. C	Common Stock		01/28/2005				M		300	A	\$16.0625		32,659		D				
NBT Ban	corp Inc. C	Common Stock													164,0	41	I		by Corp	oration
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock														11,5				by Spou		
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock															1,543		I		by Trust	
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)	Exect if any	eemed ution Date, th/Day/Year)		saction de (Instr. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Expira	e Exerc ation D h/Day/		Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		ırity	Derivative Security (Instr. 5) Secur Owne Follow Repoi Trans. (Instr.		ties cially ing ed ction(s)	10. Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr	hip ( I D) ( ect (	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sha	ber						
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	<b>\$</b> 14.3492	01/28/2005			M			300	01/28/	/2003 <sup>(1</sup>	01/28/2012	NBT Banco Inc. Comm Stock	rp on 30	00	\$0	30	00	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$16.0625	01/28/2005			М			300	01/22/	′2002 <sup>(1</sup>	01/22/2011	NBT Banco Inc. Comm Stock	rp on 30	00	\$0		0	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.05	01/28/2005			A		300		01/28/	/2007 <sup>(2</sup>	01/28/2015	NBT Banco Inc. Comm Stock	rp on 30	00	\$0	30	00	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.05	01/28/2005			A		300		01/28/	/2007 <sup>(2</sup>	01/28/2015	NBT Banco Inc. Comm Stock	rp on 30	00	\$0	61	00	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.6008								01/01/	/2004 <sup>(1</sup>	01/01/2013	NBT Banco Inc. Comm Stock	rp on 90	00		90	00	D		

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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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$21.2326							05/07/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/07/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,200		1,200	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$21.6475							07/28/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/28/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,500		1,500	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.1388							01/01/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,500		1,500	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.2708							01/20/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	630		630	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Pursuant to NBT Non-Employee Director, Divisional Director and Subsidiary Director Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.
- 2. Pursuant to NBT Non-Employee Director, Divisional Director and Subsidiary Director Stock Option Plan reload grant vests 100% two years after date of its grant.

Power of Attorney For: Paul O. 01/31/2005 Stillman

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* 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).

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