FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  GREGORY PETER B DDS                    |  |   |  |       |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NBT BANCORP INC [ NBTB ] |       |           |   |                                      |       |   |                                    |                   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |   |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|-------|---|---|-------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|-------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET                                    |  |   |  |       |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2004                 |       |           |   |                                      |       |   |                                    |                   | Off   | ector<br>icer (give title<br>ow)  | 10% Owner<br>Other (specify<br>below)                             |   | (specify   |
| (Street) NORWICH NY 13815  (City) (State) (Zip)                                  |  |   |  |       |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2004         |       |           |   |                                      |       |   |                                    |                   | ne)<br><mark>X</mark> Fo<br>Fo  | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>m filed by One Reporting Person<br>m filed by More than One Reporting<br>son |   |   |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |   |  |       |   |   |       |           |   |                                      |       |   |                                    |                   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date                     |  |   |  |       |   | Execution   |       |           | Code (  | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) |       |   |                                    |                   | nd Secu<br>Bend<br>Own  | nount of<br>irities<br>eficially<br>ed Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |
|  |  |   |  |       |   | Code  | v     | Amount    |   | N) or<br>D)                          | Price | Tran  | orted<br>saction(s)<br>r. 3 and 4) |                   |   | (Instr. 4)  |   |   |  |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 05/04/   |  |   |  |       |   |   | /2004 |           | A   |                                      | 661 A |   | A                                  | \$ <mark>0</mark> | (1)   | 94,390  |   |   |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |       |   |   |       |           |   |                                      |       |   |                                    |                   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | e of ivative (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) |  | Date, | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   |       |           | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration |                                      |       | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |                                    | ount              | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)                              |   | Owne<br>Form<br>Direct<br>or Ind<br>(I) (In:                      | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |  |   |  | Code  | V                                       | (A)   | (D)   | Exercisal | ole   [   | Date                                 | Title | Shai  | es                                 |                   |   |   |   |   |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Acquired pursuant to the formula provisions of the NBT Bancorp Inc. Non-employee Directors' Restricted and Deferred Stock Plan pursuant to which each outside director is entitled to receive an annual retainer for Board service in the form of restricted shares of the Company's common stock rather than cash that vests in three annual installments.

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Peter B 05/07/2004 Gregory, DDS

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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