

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>MURPHY MICHAEL M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>52 SOUTH BROAD STREET</u> (Street) <u>NORWICH NY 13815</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/12/2008</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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			
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/12/2008		S		2,537	D	\$25	34,920.171	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/13/2008		S		25,358	D	\$24.128	9,562.171	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/13/2008		S		1,000	D	\$24.75	8,562.171	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/12/2008		S		1,635	D	\$25.07 ⁽¹⁾	0	I	Spouse

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 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)	\$18.3408							08/08/2009 ⁽²⁾	08/08/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	100		100	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$20.7492							05/01/2006 ⁽³⁾	05/01/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	300		300	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$21.74							05/01/2007 ⁽³⁾	05/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,500		1,500	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.1542							02/02/2006 ⁽²⁾	02/02/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.4842							05/01/2008 ⁽³⁾	05/01/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,500		1,500	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.5508							05/01/2009 ⁽³⁾	05/01/2018	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,500		1,500	D	

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.05							01/28/2007 ⁽²⁾	01/28/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	100		100	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.1133							01/26/2007 ⁽²⁾	01/26/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	400		400	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.2708							01/20/2006 ⁽³⁾	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	630		630	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The sale price is an average of 735 shares sold at \$ 25.00, 500 shares sold at \$ 25.17, 300 shares sold at \$ 25.10 and 100 shares sold at \$ 25.02.
- 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.
- 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.

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[11/13/2008](#)
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** 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).

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