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>GUMBLE WILLIAM C</u> |   |                          |  |            |                   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NBT BANCORP INC [ NBTB ] |  |                                      |                          |  |  |  |  |          | eck all applic  | able)   |   | . ,   |   |  |
|--|---|--------------------------|--|------------|-------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|----------|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| (Last)   | (Fi<br>ΓΗ BROAL   | •                        | (Middle)   |            |                   | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>5/01/2008           |  |                                      |                          |  |  |  |  |          | Officer<br>below)   | Officer (give title below)  |   | Other (s<br>below)                              | specify   |  |
| (Street)   |   | 4. 1                     | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |            |                   |  |  |                                      |                          |  | Line   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |  |          |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| (City)   | (S:   |                          | (Zip)  |            | <u></u>           |  |  |                                      |                          |  |  |  |  | <u> </u> |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  |   |                          |  |            | saction<br>Day/Yo | ו  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Dat<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Ye |                                      | 3.<br>Transactio         |  | 4. Securities Acqu<br>Disposed Of (D) (I<br>5) |  | Acquired (A) or<br>D) (Instr. 3, 4 and |          | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |                          |  |            |                   |  |  |                                      | Code                     | ٧  | Amount   | ()   | A) or<br>D)                            | Price    | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   |   |   |   |  |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock                                    |   |                          |  | 05/01/2008 |                   |  |  |                                      | A                        |  | 605  | A  |  |          | 1   |   |   | D   |   |  |
| NBT Bar  | corp Inc. C   | ommon Stock              |  | <u> </u>   | 1/200             |  | •  |                                      | A                        | <u>                                     </u> | 400  | f, or Beneficially Owned  [A) or [D] Price [A) or [D] Price [D] Price [A] of [D] (Instr. 4) below)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) ownership (Instr. 4) |  |          |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 1. Title of  | 2.  | 3. Transaction           |  | (e.g., p   |                   |  |  | rant                                 |                          | s, c   | onvertil                                       | ole s  | ecurit                                 |          |   | 9. Numbe  | r of  | 10.   | 11. Nature  |  |
| Derivative Security (Instr. 3)                                   | Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution E<br>if any<br>(Month/Day                      | Date,      | Transa            | ransaction of ode (Instr. Deriva                                     |  | itive<br>ities<br>red<br>sed<br>3, 4 | Expiration<br>(Month/Day | tion Date                                    |  | Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Se   |  |          | Derivative<br>Security  | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s |   | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect | of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)              |  |
|  |   |                          |  |            | Code              | v  | (A)  | (D)                                  | Date<br>Exercisable      |  | Expiration<br>Date                             | Title  | or<br>Nu<br>of                         | ımber    |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)        | \$22.5508   | 05/01/2008               |  |            | A                 |  | 1,500  |                                      | 05/01/2009               | (3)  | 05/01/2018                                     | Banc<br>Inc<br>Comr  | orp<br>:. 1<br>non                     | ,500     | \$0   | 1,500   |   | D   |   |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)        | \$14.3492   |                          |  |            |                   |  |  |                                      | 01/28/2003               | (3)  | 01/28/2012                                     | Banc<br>Inc<br>Comr  | orp<br>:. :                            | 300      |   | 300   |   | D   |   |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)        | \$17.6008   |                          |  |            |                   |  |  |                                      | 01/01/2004               | (3)  | 01/01/2013                                     | Banc<br>Inc<br>Comr  | orp<br>:.<br>non                       | 500      |   | 600   |   | D   |   |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)        | \$20.7492   |                          |  |            |                   |  |  |                                      | 05/01/2006               | (3)  | 05/01/2015                                     | Banc<br>Inc<br>Comr  | orp<br>:. 1                            | ,500     |   | 1,500   | 1   | D   |   |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)        | \$21.74   |                          |  |            |                   |  |  |                                      | 05/01/2007               | (3)  | 05/01/2016                                     | Banc<br>Inc<br>Comr  | orp<br>:. 1<br>non                     | ,500     |   | 1,500   |   | D   |   |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)        | \$22.1388   |                          |  |            |                   |  |  |                                      | 01/01/2005               | (3)  | 01/01/2014                                     | Banc<br>Inc<br>Comr  | orp<br>:. 1<br>non                     | ,500     |   | 1,500   |   | D   |   |  |

| 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 | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) S. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   | 6. Date Exerci<br>Expiration Dat<br>(Month/Day/Ye | te  | 7. Title an<br>Amount o<br>Securities<br>Underlyin<br>Derivative<br>(Instr. 3 an | f<br>g<br>Security | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>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) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |  |  |   |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)  | \$22.4092   |  |   |   |   |   |     | 12/31/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>  | 12/31/2015         | NBT<br>Bancorp<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock           | 3,600  |  | 3,600  | D |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)  | \$22.4842   |  |   |   |   |   |     | 05/01/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>  | 05/01/2017         | NBT<br>Bancorp<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock           | 1,500  |  | 1,500  | D |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)  | \$23.2708   |  |   |   |   |   |     | 01/20/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>  | 01/20/2015         | NBT<br>Bancorp<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock           | 588  |  | 588  | D |  |

## 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.

- 2. Acquired pursuant to 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 deferred shares of the Company's common stock rather than cash that vests immediately upon date of grant.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.

By: Michael J. Chewens,
Power of Attorney For: 05/05/2008
William C. Gumble

\*\* 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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