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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GREGORY PETER B DDS | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NBT BANCORP INC</u> [NBTB] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|----------------------------|--------|------------------|---|---|----------|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|--------------|--|--|
| (Last) 52 SOU | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2005 | | | | | | | | | Officer below) | give title | | Other (s below) | specify | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | lf Ame | ndmer | it, Date | e of Original | Filed | (Month/Da | ay/Year) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | | | |
| (Street) NORWI | CH N | Y | 13815 | | | | | | | | | | | | | Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | F CISUI | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Nor | ו-Deri | vativ | e Se | curiti | es A | cquired, | Dis | posed c | of, or B | enefi | ciall | y Owned | ł | | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Trans Date (Month | | Day/Year) Exec | | A. Deemed xecution Date, any /onth/Day/Year) | | ction Instr. | Dispose | rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | Securitie Benefici Owned F | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | n: Direct or Indirect Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or P | rice | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| NBT Bar | ncorp Inc. C | Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 94 | ,390 | 90 D | | | | |
| NBT Bar | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 60,179 | | | | by Spouse | | |
| | | - | | | | | | | quired, D ts, option | | | | | | Owned | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | le of 2. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any Code (Instr.) Derivative (Month/Day/Year) | | | | Date | able and 7. Title and Amount of | | | | 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) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | Expiration Date | Title | or | ount nber ares | | | | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$23.2708 | 01/24/2005 | | | A | | 630 | | 01/20/2006 | (1) |)1/20/2015 | NBT Bancory Inc. Commo Stock | 6 | 30 | \$0 | 630 | | D | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$14.3492 | | | | | | | | 01/28/2003 | (1) |)1/28/2012 | NBT Bancory Inc. Commo Stock | 1,5 | 500 | | 1,500 |) | D | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$16.0625 | | | | | | | | 01/22/2002 | (1) |)1/22/2011 | NBT Bancory Inc. Commo Stock | 1,5 | 500 | | 1,500 |) | D | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$17.6008 | | | | | | | | 01/01/2004 | (1) |)1/01/2013 | NBT Bancory Inc. Commo Stock | 1,5 | 500 | | 1,500 |) | D | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$22.1388 | | | | | | | | 01/01/2005 | (1) |)1/01/2014 | NBT Bancorj Inc. Commo Stock | 1,4 | 438 | | 1,438 | } | 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.

<u>By: Michael J. Chewens,</u> <u>Power of Attorney For: Peter B</u> 01/26/2005 <u>Gregory, DDS</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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