Option (right to buy) 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*  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)  X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2005									Officer below)	(give title		Other ( below)	specify
(Street) NORWICH NY 13815					_   4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									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	tate)	(Zip)																
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Da				Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		e, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) or I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or I	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				· ,
NBT Bar	corp Inc. C	Common Stock		05/0	/03/2005				A		400	A	\	<b>\$0</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	94,790			D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock				05/03/2005		)5			A		682	A	\	<b>\$0</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	95,472		D		
NBT Bar	corp Inc. C	Common Stock		05/0	)3/200	)5			S		2,500	I	)	\$21.84	4 92,	,972	D		
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock															60,	60,179		I	by Spouse
		•							quired, D s, option						Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		n of Ex		Expiration	. Date Exercisable an xpiration Date Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (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)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	or Nu of	ımber					
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$20.7492	05/03/2005			A		1,500		05/01/2006	(3)	05/01/2015	NBT Bancor Inc. Commo Stock	n   1	,500	\$0	1,500	)	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	<b>\$</b> 14.3492								01/28/2003	(3)	01/28/2012	NBT Bancor Inc. Commo Stock	n 1	,500		1,500		D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$16.0625								01/22/2002	(3)	01/22/2011	NBT Bancor Inc. Commo Stock	n 1	,500		1,500	)	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.6008								01/01/2004	(3)	01/01/2013	NBT Bancor Inc. Commo Stock	n 1	,500		1,500	)	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.1388								01/01/2005	(3)	01/01/2014	NBT Bancor Inc. Commo Stock	n 1	,438		1,438	3	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option	\$23.2708								01/20/2006	(3)	01/20/2015	NBT Bancor Inc. Commo		630		630		D	

Stock

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 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.

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Peter B 05/05/2005 Gregory, DDS \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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