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* <u>DIETRICH MARTIN A</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner						
(Last) 52 SOUT	ast) (First) (Middle) 2 SOUTH BROAD STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2009									X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President/CEO NBT Bancorp						
(Street)	Street) NORWICH NY 13815					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						
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)													Person		iic tiidi	Tone repo	rung	
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriv	/ative	e Se	curiti	es A	cqı	uired,	Dis	posed o	f, or Be	nefi	cially	/ Owned					
1. Title of	Security (Ins	tr. 3)		Date	Transaction ate onth/Day/Yea		2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye		Code (Inst				rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
											Code V		(A) or (D)			Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				,	
NBT Ban	corp Inc. C	ommon Stock		01/21	1/2009	9				A		7,800	A	!	\$ <mark>0</mark> (1)	57,051.384		D			
NBT Ban	ncorp Inc. C	ommon Stock												\perp		15,29	4.868		I 4	401k	
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NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock															6,000		I by		oy Mother		
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock															848				oy Spouse		
		7	Гаble II -	Deriva	tive	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quii	red, D	isp	osed of, onvertil	or Ben	efic	ially (Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	rative Conversion Date Execution rity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		ed 4. Date, Transac Code (Ir		ction	5. Number on of		6. C	6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		ble and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		ount	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Dat Exe	e ercisable		Expiration Date	Title	or	ount nber res						
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.3492								01	./28/2003	3 0	01/28/2012	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	30,	000		30,00	00	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.538								01/0	01/2004 ⁽	2) (01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	24,	000		24,00	00	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$20.3617								01/	15/2009 ⁽	2) 0	01/15/2018	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	25,	000		25,00	00	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.1715								01/0	01/2005 ⁽	2) 0	01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	21,	311	_	21,31	.11	D		

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	2. 3. Transaction Date Execution Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr.		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)	\$22.205							02/11/2006 ⁽³⁾	02/11/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	3,840		3,840	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.352							01/01/2007 ⁽²⁾	01/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	30,000		30,000	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.2708							01/20/2006 ⁽²⁾	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	22,423		22,423	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$24.4458							08/01/2007 ⁽³⁾	08/01/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	6,470		6,470	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$24.5692							12/27/2009 ⁽³⁾	12/27/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12,641		12,641	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$25.38							01/15/2010 ⁽⁴⁾	01/15/2019	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	25,000		25,000	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to	\$25.762							01/01/2008 ⁽²⁾	01/01/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	28,000		28,000	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Acquired pursuant to the formula provisions of the NBT Bancorp Inc. Performance Share Plan pursuant to which each member of a select group of Management is entitled to receive an award based on Company performance goals in the form of restricted shares of the Company's common stock that vests four years following the end of a performance period.
- 2. Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.
- 3. Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan reload grant vests 100% two years after date of its grant.
- 4. Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 2009 Omnibus Stock Option Agreement the grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

By: Michael J. Chewens,

Power of Attorney For: Martin 01/22/2009

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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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