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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DIETRICH MARTIN A | | | | | | 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 V Officer (give title Other (specify) | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET | | | | | | e of Ear 9/2005 | liest Tran | /lonth/ | /Day/Year) | X | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President NBT Bancorp | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | CII N | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | ividual or Jo | int/Group | Filing (| (Check App | licable | | | |
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| (City) | ?) | State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Tide of | Canada da | | Table I - Non | -Deriv | | Secur 2A. De | | cquired | d, Di | | of, or Be | | Owned 5. Amount | e of | 6 000 | nership | 7. Nature of | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | D | Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Execution Date, | | Transa Code (| | | Of (D) (Instr. | | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Direct Indirect str. 4) | ndirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | | |
| | | Common Stock | | 07/29/2005 | | | | M | | 32,430 | | \$16.0625 | | | - | D | | |
| | | Sommon Stock | | 07/29/2 | | | | S | | 32,430 | _ | \$24.7046 | | | | D | | |
| | | common Stock | | 08/01/2 | 2005 | | | M | | 6,470 | A | \$16.0625 | 1 | | | | 401k | |
| | | Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 12,461.783 237.603 | | | | Custodian for Minor | |
| NBT Bar | ncorp Inc. C | ommon Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 7,673.143 | | 143 I | | NBT Bancorp ESOP | |
| NBT Bar | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 7,000 | | | | by Mother | | |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | 848 | | | | by Spouse | | | | |
| | | | Table II - I | | | | | | | posed of | | | wned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 4. | | | 5. Number of | | | 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and A | | | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Numb | | 10. Ownership | 11. Nature | | |
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | if any (Month/Day/Yea | Code | e (Instr. | | | (Month/Day/Yea | | | Derivative (Instr. 3 ar | Security | Security (Instr. 5) | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | ies ially ng ed | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | e V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | ble | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | er of | Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | | 3) | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$16.0625 | 07/29/2005 | | М | | | 32,430 | 01/22/200 | 02 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/22/2011 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 32,430 | \$0 | 6,4 | 70 | D | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$16.0625 | 08/01/2005 | | М | | | 6,470 | 01/22/200 | 02 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/22/2011 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 6,470 | \$0 | 0 |) | D | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$24.4458 | 08/01/2005 | | A | | 6,470 | | 08/01/20 | 07 ⁽²⁾ | 08/01/2015 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 6,470 | \$0 | 6,4 | 70 | D | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$14.3492 | | | | | | | 01/28/200 | 03 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/28/2012 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 36,200 | | 36,2 | 200 | D | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to | \$16.227 | | | | | | | 08/03/200 | 03 ⁽²⁾ | 08/03/2011 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 4,346 | | 4,3 | 46 | 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 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 | 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 | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$17.538 | | | | | | | 01/01/2004 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/01/2013 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 24,000 | | 24,000 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$18.1632 | | | | | | | 01/27/1999 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/27/2008 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 12,641.99 | | 12,641.99 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$20.5952 | | | | | | | 01/26/2000 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/26/2009 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 15,540 | | 15,540 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$22.1715 | | | | | | | 01/01/2005 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/01/2014 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 21,311 | | 21,311 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$22.205 | | | | | | | 02/11/2006 ⁽²⁾ | 02/11/2014 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 3,840 | | 3,840 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$23.2708 | | | | | | | 01/20/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/20/2015 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 22,423 | | 22,423 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.
- $2.\ Pursuant\ to\ NBT\ Bancorp\ Inc.\ 1993\ Stock\ Option\ Plan\ reload\ grant\ vests\ 100\%\ two\ years\ after\ date\ of\ its\ grant.$

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Martin A 08/02/2005
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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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