

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>LEVY JEFFREY M</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>NBT BANCORP INC [ NBTB ]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>President Commercial Banking</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/21/2009</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
52 SOUTH BROAD STREET			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)	NORWICH NY 13815							
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	01/21/2009		A		4,875	A	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	12,425.442	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock								1,809.976	I	401k
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock								105.27	I	NBT Bancorp ESOP

**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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		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					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$20.3617							01/15/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/15/2018	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	7,500	7,500	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.352							01/01/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	5,000	5,000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.293							10/01/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/01/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	20,000	20,000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$25.38							01/15/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/15/2019	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	13,000	13,000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$25.762							01/01/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/01/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	9,000	9,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 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.
- Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.
- Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 2009 Omnibus Stock Option Agreement the grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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