

FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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- Form 3 Holdings Reported.
- Form 4 Transactions Reported.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Bentley Ronald M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>52 SOUTH BROAD STREET</u> (Street) <u>NORWICH NY 13815</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]</u>	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) <u>President of Retail Banking</u>
	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2005</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12/31/2005		J	66.784	A	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	1,102.575	I	401k
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12/31/2005		J	2.972	A	\$0 ⁽²⁾	187.284	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)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.3492						01/28/2003 ⁽³⁾	01/28/2012	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,960	1,960	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.538						01/01/2004 ⁽³⁾	01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	6,225	6,225	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.1715						01/01/2005 ⁽³⁾	01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	5,557	5,557	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.2708						01/20/2006 ⁽³⁾	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	6,788	6,788	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Shares were purchased from 1/1/2005 through 12/31/2005 through NBT Bancorp Inc. 401k Plan.
- Shares were purchased from 1/1/2005 through 12/31/2005 through NBT Bancorp Inc. ESOP Plan.
- Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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 Power of Attorney For: Ronald Bentley 02/10/2006
M. Bentley

** 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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