

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>FORSYTHE DARYL R</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)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2008</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  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	12/31/2008		J	186.28	A	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	127,628.834	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock							0	I	NBT 401k/ESOP Plan
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock							0	I	NBT Bancorp ESOP
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock							1,842	I	by Spouse

**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						Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$21.74						05/01/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock		5,000		D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.4842						05/01/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/01/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock		5,000		D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.5508						05/01/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/01/2018	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock		5,000		D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Shares acquired under NBT Bancorp Dividend Reinvestment Plan during period of 1/1/2008 to 12/31/2008 at prices ranging from \$ 21.1468 to \$ 26.8782.
2. 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.

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 Power of Attorney For: Daryl R. Forsythe 01/26/2009

\*\* 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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