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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Add	1 0	Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NBT BANCORP INC</u> [NBTB]		tionship of Reporting Po all applicable) Director	erson(s) to Issuer	
				x	Officer (give title	Other (specify	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		below)	below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET		Г	01/01/2010		President Commercial Banking		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	vidual or Joint/Group Fili	ng (Check Applicable	
NORWICH	NY	13815		X	Form filed by One Re	porting Person	
					Form filed by More th	an One Reporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			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)	Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)		
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	01/01/2010		F		480	D	\$20.58	11,945.442	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. Transa Code (8)		of	vative rities lired r osed) 7. 3, 4	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)	\$20.3617							01/15/2009 ⁽¹⁾	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 ⁽¹⁾	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 ⁽¹⁾	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 ⁽²⁾	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 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	9,000		9,000	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. 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: Jeffrey

01/04/2010

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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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