

WELSH KELLY R  
Form 4  
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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 OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WELSH KELLY R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
[NTRS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/18/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & Gen. Counsel

CHICAGO, IL 60603

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 or Price		
Common Stock	04/18/2008		M		28,066 A \$ 32.615	45,089	I By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		F		1,355 D \$ 73.77	43,734	I By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		S		300 D \$ 73.07	43,434	I By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		S		300 D \$ 73.08	43,134	I By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		S		200 D \$ 73.11	42,934	I By Trust

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Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	400	D	\$ 73.14	42,534	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	100	D	\$ 73.16	42,434	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	300	D	\$ 73.17	42,134	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	175	D	\$ 73.18	41,959	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	200	D	\$ 73.19	41,759	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	400	D	\$ 73.2	41,359	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	300	D	\$ 73.21	41,059	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	400	D	\$ 73.22	40,659	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	400	D	\$ 73.23	40,259	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	825	D	\$ 73.25	39,434	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	700	D	\$ 73.26	38,734	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	600	D	\$ 73.27	38,134	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	500	D	\$ 73.28	37,634	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	400	D	\$ 73.29	37,234	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	300	D	\$ 73.3	36,934	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	100	D	\$ 73.31	36,834	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	200	D	\$ 73.32	36,634	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	200	D	\$ 73.34	36,434	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	700	D	\$ 73.35	35,734	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008	S	300	D	\$ 73.36	35,434	I	By Trust
	04/18/2008	S	200	D	\$ 73.37	35,234	I	By Trust

Common Stock									
Common Stock	04/18/2008		S	600	D	\$ 73.39	34,634	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		S	200	D	\$ 73.4	34,434	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		S	200	D	\$ 73.41	34,234	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/18/2008		S	100	D	\$ 73.43	34,134	I	By Trust <u>(1)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 32.615	04/18/2008		M	5,519	08/18/2003 02/18/2013	Common Stock	5,519
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 32.615	04/18/2008		M	22,547	<u>(2)</u> 02/18/2013	Common Stock	22,547

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELSH KELLY R 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603			EVP & Gen. Counsel	

## Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for Kelly R.  
Welsh

04/22/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) This Form 4 is being filed as Part 1 and is continued on two additional Form 4s as Parts 2 and 3 (due to the thirty row maximum allowed on Table I)
- (2) Various

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