

NBT BANCORP INC
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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 *
DIETRICH MARTIN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET

(Street)

NORWICH, NY 13815

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
01/21/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President/CEO NBT Bancorp

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	01/21/2009		A		7,800 A \$ 0 (1)	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock					15,294.868	I	401k
NBT Bancorp					755	I	Custodian for Minor

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Inc. Common Stock							
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock					9,057.456	I	NBT Bancorp ESOP
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock					6,000	I	by Mother
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock					848	I	by Spouse

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.3492					01/28/2003	01/28/2012	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	30,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 17.538					01/01/2004 ⁽²⁾	01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp	24,000

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(right to buy)				Inc. Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.3617	01/15/2009 ⁽²⁾	01/15/2018	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1715	01/01/2005 ⁽²⁾	01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	21,300
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.205	02/11/2006 ⁽³⁾	02/11/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	3,840
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.352	01/01/2007 ⁽²⁾	01/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	30,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.2708	01/20/2006 ⁽²⁾	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	22,400
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.4458	08/01/2007 ⁽³⁾	08/01/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	6,470
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.5692	12/27/2009 ⁽³⁾	12/27/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12,600
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.38	01/15/2010 ⁽⁴⁾	01/15/2019	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.762	01/01/2008 ⁽²⁾	01/01/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc.	28,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DIETRICH MARTIN A 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815	X		President/CEO NBT Bancorp	

Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Martin A
Dietrich

01/22/2009

__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).
Acquired pursuant to the formula provisions of the NBT Bancorp Inc. Performance Share Plan pursuant to which each member of a select
 - (1) 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.
 - (2) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.
 - (3) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan reload grant vests 100% two years after date of its grant.
 - (4) 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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