

NBT BANCORP INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
LEVY JEFFREY M

(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 Commercial Banking

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 01/21/2009 | | A | 4,875 A | \$ 0 (1) | D | |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | | | | | 1,809.976 | I | 401k |
| NBT Bancorp | | | | | 105.27 | I | NBT Bancorp |

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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 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) | \$ 20.3617 | | | | | 01/15/2009 ⁽²⁾ 01/15/2018 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 7,500 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.352 | | | | | 01/01/2007 ⁽²⁾ 01/01/2016 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 5,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.293 | | | | | 10/01/2006 ⁽²⁾ 10/01/2015 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 20,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 25.38 | | | | | 01/15/2010 ⁽³⁾ 01/15/2019 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 13,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 25.762 | | | | | 01/01/2008 ⁽²⁾ 01/01/2017 | NBT Bancorp 9,000 |

(right to buy)

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEVY JEFFREY M 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815 | | | President Commercial Banking | |

Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Jeffrey M.
Levy

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).

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- 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. 2009 Omnibus Stock Option Agreement the grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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