

NBT BANCORP INC

Form 4

January 22, 2009

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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHEWENS MICHAEL J

(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
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Senior EVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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	5,850 A	\$ 0 (1)	18,117.773 D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock					12,599.797	I	401k
NBT Bancorp					2,958.005	I	NBT Bancorp

Inc.
Common
Stock

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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)	\$ 20.3617					01/15/2009 ⁽²⁾ 01/15/2018	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 18,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1715					01/01/2005 ⁽²⁾ 01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 715
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.352					01/01/2007 ⁽²⁾ 01/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 22,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.2708					01/20/2006 ⁽²⁾ 01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 17,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 25.38					01/15/2010 ⁽³⁾ 01/15/2019	NBT Bancorp 18,000

(right to buy)

Inc.
Common
Stock

NBT
Bancorp
Inc.
Common
Stock

Non-Qualified

Stock Option \$ 25.762

(right to buy)

01/01/2008⁽²⁾ 01/01/2017

20,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHEWENS MICHAEL J 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815			Senior EVP & CFO	

Signatures

Michael J
Chewens

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 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.
- (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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