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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer CHEWENS MICHAEL J Symbol NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title 12/31/2008 below) below) **52 SOUTH BROAD STREET** Senior EVP & CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line)

NORWICH, ÂNYÂ 13815

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(City)	(State)	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)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
NBT				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12/31/2008	Â	J	37.227	A	\$ 0 (1)	14,225	D	Â	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12/31/2008	Â	J	609.437	A	\$ 0 (2)	12,599.797	I	401k	

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NBT Bancorp **NBT** 148.619 A $\frac{\$ 0}{(3)}$ 2,958.005 Â J Inc. 12/31/2008 Bancorp **ESOP** Common Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of Persons who respond to the collection of information **SEC 2270** securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. contained in this form are not required to respond unless (9-02)the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title Derivat Securit (Instr. 3	tive y	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. Numb of Deriv Secur Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. 4, and	ative ities ired rosed)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of
Stock	Qualified Option to buy)	\$ 20.3617	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/15/2009(4)	01/15/2018	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	18
Stock	Qualified Option to buy)	\$ 22.1715	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/01/2005(4)	01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	
Stock	Qualified Option to buy)	\$ 22.352	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/01/2007(4)	01/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	2:
Stock	Qualified Option to buy)	\$ 23.2708	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/20/2006(4)	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1′
	Qualified Option	\$ 25.762	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/01/2008(4)	01/01/2017	NBT Bancorp	20

Inc.
Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CHEWENS MICHAEL J

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET Â Â Â Senior EVP & CFO Â

NORWICH, NYÂ 13815

Signatures

(right to buy)

Michael J
Chewens

**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/26/2009

Date

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- * 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) Shares acquired under NBT Bancorp Dividend Reinvestment Plan during period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 at prices ranging from \$21.1468 to \$26.8782 per share.
- (2) Shares were purchased from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2008 through NBT Bancorp Inc. 401k Plan.
- (3) Shares were purchased from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2008 through NBT Bancorp Inc. ESOP Plan.
- (4) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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