

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 4  
February 20, 2003

**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Welsh, Kelly R.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>Northern Trust Corporation</b> <b>50 S La Salle St</b> (Street) <b>Chicago, IL 60675</b> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Northern Trust Corporation NTRS</b>				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b><u>EVP &amp; General Counsel</u></b>			
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>02/18/03</b>		5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>										
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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/18/03		A	V	5500	A		30500	D	
Common Stock								282 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	ESOP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially	10. Ownership Form	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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(Instr. 3)	Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	if any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		Year		(Instr. 3 & 4)		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		5519		08/18/03	02/18/13	Common Stock	5519	134713	D	
Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		15000		02/18/04	02/18/13	Common Stock	15000		D	
Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		15000		02/18/05	02/18/13	Common Stock	15000		D	
Common Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$32.615	02/18/03		A		15000		02/18/06	02/18/13	Common Stock	15000	179713	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Represents stock units payable automatically in common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

(2) as of 12/31/02

(3) with tandem tax withholding right

By: /s/ **Eileen C. Ratzka (POA)**  
**Kelly R. Welsh**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**02/19/03**  
Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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