

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 *
ROBINSON VAN NESS D

(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)
05/02/2006

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)

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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 05/02/2006 | | A | | 400 | A | \$ 0 (1) |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 05/02/2006 | | A | | 644 | A | \$ 0 (2) |
| NBT Bancorp | | | | | 888,471 | I | by Corporation |

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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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 21.74 | 05/02/2006 | | A | 1,500 | 05/01/2007 ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2016 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 14.3492 | | | | | 01/28/2003 ⁽³⁾ 01/28/2012 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.6008 | | | | | 01/01/2004 ⁽³⁾ 01/01/2013 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.7492 | | | | | 05/01/2006 ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2015 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.1388 | | | | | 01/01/2005 ⁽³⁾ 01/01/2014 | NBT Bancorp Inc. |

Non-Qualified
 Stock Option \$ 23.2708
 (right to buy)

01/20/2006⁽³⁾ 01/20/2015

Common
 Stock
 NBT
 Bancorp
 Inc.
 Common
 Stock

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROBINSON VAN NESS D 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815 | | X | | |

Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Van Ness D.
 Robinson

05/03/2006

__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).
 - (1) Acquired pursuant to the NBT Bancorp Inc. Non-employee Directors' Restricted and Deferred Stock Plan pursuant to which each outside director is entitled to receive an annual retainer for Board service in the form of deferred shares of the Company's common stock rather than cash that vests immediately upon date of grant.
 - (2) Acquired pursuant to the formula provisions of the NBT Bancorp Inc. Non-employee Directors' Restricted and Deferred Stock Plan pursuant to which each outside director is entitled to receive an annual retainer for Board service in the form of restricted shares of the Company's common stock rather than cash that vests in three annual installments.
 - (3) Pursuant to NBT Non-Employee Director, Divisional Director and Subsidiary Director Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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