SANTANGELO JOSEPH A

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SANTANGELO JOSEPH A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

01/24/2005

10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

(Check all applicable)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NORWICH, NY 13815

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

NBT

Bancorp

Inc.

11,873 D

Common Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and 2 Underlying \$ (Instr. 3 and	Securi
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.2708	01/24/2005		A	630	01/20/2006(1)	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	63
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.3492					01/28/2003(1)	01/28/2012	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,7
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.6008					01/01/2004(1)	01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1388					01/01/2005(1)	01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
F-	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SANTANGELO JOSEPH A						
52 SOUTH BROAD STREET	X					
NORWICH, NY 13815						

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Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Joseph A. Santangelo

01/26/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) 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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