NBT BANCORP INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** ROBINSON VAN NESS D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
				NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction					-				
52 SOUTH BROAD STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2006					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
NORWICH	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						
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)) Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. SecurionAcquire Dispose (Instr. 3	d (A) of d of (I), 4 and (A) or))	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	05/02/2006			A	400	A	\$ 0 (1)	5,545.938	D			
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	05/02/2006			A	644	A	\$ 0 (2)	6,189.938	D			
NBT Bancorp								888,471	I	by Corporation		

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Inc.
Common
Stock

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactio 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 Ame Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A or N of Sl
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	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.3492					01/28/2003(3)	01/28/2012	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.6008					01/01/2004(3)	01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.7492					05/01/2006(3)	05/01/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1388					01/01/2005(3)	01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc.	1

Common Stock

NBT

Non-Qualified Stock Option

(right to buy)

\$ 23.2708

01/20/2006⁽³⁾ 01/20/2015

Bancorp Inc. Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROBINSON VAN NESS D 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET X NORWICH, NY 13815

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).
- Acquired pursuant to the NBT Bancorp Inc. Non-employee Directors' Restricted and Deferred Stock Plan pursuant to which each outside (1) 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.
- Acquired pursuant to the formula provisions of the NBT Bancorp Inc. Non-employee Directors' Restricted and Deferred Stock Plan

 (2) 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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