#### **NBT BANCORP INC**

Form 4

January 22, 2009

## FORM 4

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

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

RAVEN DA	AVID E	ing reison _	Symbol			INC INI			Issuer	or Reporting Fer	son(s) to
		NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]						(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction				Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below)  President & CEO Pennstar						
52 SOUTH BROAD STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2009								
	4. If Amer	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
		Filed(Month/Day/Year)						Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
NORWICH							Person				
(City)	City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A)			)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
NBT				Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	01/21/2009			A		5,850	A	\$ 0 (1)	23,355.032	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock									14,248.4749	I	401k
NBT Bancorp									1,672.7197	I	NBT Bancorp

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Inc. ESOP

Common Stock

1. Title of

2.

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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.3617					01/15/2009(2)	01/15/2018	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	17,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1715					01/01/2005(2)	01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	15,83
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.352					01/01/2007(2)	01/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	20,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.2708					01/20/2006(2)	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	16,28
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 25.38					01/15/2010(3)	01/15/2019	NBT Bancorp	18,00

7. Title and Amount

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(right to buy) Inc.
Common

Stock

Non-Qualified

(right to buy)

NBT Bancorp

19,0

Stock Option \$ 25.762

01/01/2008(2) 01/01/2017

Inc. Common Stock

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RAVEN DAVID E 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815

President & CEO Pennstar

## **Signatures**

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: David E. Raven

01/22/2009

\*\*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 formula provisions of the NBT Bancorp Inc. Performance Share Plan pursuant to which each member of a select (1) group of Management is entitled to receive an award based on Company performance goals in the form of restricted shares of the
- Company's common stock that vests four years following the end of a performance period.

  (2) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.
- Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 2009 Omnibus Stock Option Agreement the grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following
- years.

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