SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549 FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

TQUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008.

£TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from ______ to _____.

OR

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-14703

NBT BANCORP INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE (State of Incorporation) 16-1268674 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET, NORWICH, NEW YORK 13815 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (607) 337-2265

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter periods that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes T No £

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer f Accelerated filer f Non-accelerated filer f Smaller reporting company f

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes f No T

As of October 31, 2008, there were 32,534,341 shares outstanding of the Registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)	Santambar 30 December 31			Sontombor 20		
(In thousands, except share and per share data)	2008	September 30, December 31, 2008 2007			September 30, 2007	
	2000		2007		2007	
Assets						
Cash and due from banks	\$ 141,167	\$	155,495	\$	139,453	
Short-term interest bearing accounts	2,426		7,451		9,028	
Securities available for sale, at fair value	1,101,103		1,132,230		1,137,890	
Securities held to maturity (fair value \$144,303, \$149,519, and						
\$143,483)	149,952		149,111		143,447	
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	39,122		38,102		33,218	
Loans and leases	3,607,321	-	3,455,851		3,422,217	
Less allowance for loan and lease losses	55,803		54,183		54,808	
Net loans and leases	3,551,518	-	3,401,668		3,367,409	
Premises and equipment, net	65,201		64,042		64,406	
Goodwill	113,514		103,398		103,400	
Intangible assets, net	24,242		10,173		10,585	
Bank owned life insurance	45,037		43,614		43,134	
Other assets	101,876		96,492		99,102	
Total assets	\$ 5,335,158	\$:	5,201,776	\$	5,151,072	
Liabilities						
Demand (noninterest bearing)	\$ 703,406	\$	666,698	\$	671,729	
Savings, NOW, and money market	1,874,608		1,614,289		1,595,622	
Time	1,412,780		1,591,106		1,682,714	
Total deposits	3,990,794		3,872,093		3,950,065	
Short-term borrowings	150,477		368,467		305,865	
Long-term debt	633,462		424,887		377,119	
Trust preferred debentures	75,422		75,422		75,422	
Other liabilities	63,875		63,607		56,955	
Total liabilities	4,914,030	4	4,804,476		4,765,426	
Stockholders' equity						
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value. Authorized 2,500,000 shares at						
September 30, 2008, December 31, 2007 and September 30, 2007	-		-		-	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value. Authorized 50,000,000 shares at						
September 30, 2008, December 31, 2007 and September 30, 2007;						
issued 36,459,366, 36,459,421, and 36,459,445 at September 30, 2008	,					
December 31, 2007, and September 30, 2007, respectively	365		365		365	
Additional paid-in-capital	275,296		273,275		272,382	
Retained earnings	237,153		215,031			
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