

NBT BANCORP INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**MURPHY MICHAEL M**

(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)  
**11/10/2008**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/10/2008		S	1,470	D \$ 25.65	38,194.171	D
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/10/2008		M	600	A \$ 17.6008	38,794.171	D
NBT Bancorp	11/10/2008		S	600	D \$ 25.75	38,194.171	D

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Inc. Common Stock								
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/10/2008	M	1,500	A	\$ 22.1388	39,694.171	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/10/2008	S	1,500	D	\$ 25.75	38,194.171	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/10/2008	M	300	A	\$ 22.1542	38,494.171	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/10/2008	S	300	D	\$ 25.75	38,194.171	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/10/2008	M	1,200	A	\$ 20.7492	39,394.171	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/10/2008	S	1,200	D	\$ 25.75	38,194.171	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11/11/2008	S	737	D	\$ 26	37,457.171	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock						1,635	I	Spouse

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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)	\$ 17.6008	11/10/2008		M	600	01/01/2004 01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.7492	11/10/2008		M	1,200	05/01/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> 05/01/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1388	11/10/2008		M	1,500	01/01/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1542	11/10/2008		M	300	02/02/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/02/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.3408					08/08/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/08/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.74					05/01/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> 05/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common

Option Type	Exercise Price	Grant Date	Expiration Date	Underlying Security
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.4842	05/01/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/01/2017	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5508	05/01/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/01/2018	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.05	01/28/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.1133	01/26/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/26/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.2708	01/20/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MURPHY MICHAEL M 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815			X	

## Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Michael M. Murphy

11/12/2008

\*\*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) 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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- (2) Pursuant to NBT Non-Employee Director, Divisional Director and Subsidiary Director Stock Option Plan reload grant vests 100% two years after date of its grant.

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