

Bentley Ronald M
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bentley Ronald M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President of Retail Banking

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

NORWICH, NY 13815

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) Amount or (D) Price			
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12/31/2005	Â	J	66.784 A \$ 0 (1)	1,102.575	I	401k
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12/31/2005	Â	J	2.972 A \$ 0 (2)	187.284	I	NBT Bancorp ESOP

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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. 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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.3492	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/28/2003 ⁽³⁾ 01/28/2012	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.538	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/01/2004 ⁽³⁾ 01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1715	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/01/2005 ⁽³⁾ 01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.2708	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/20/2006 ⁽³⁾ 01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bentley Ronald M 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET	Â	Â	Â President of Retail Banking	Â

NORWICH, NY 13815

Signatures

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

02/10/2006

____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).
- (1) Shares were purchased from 1/1/2005 through 12/31/2005 through NBT Bancorp Inc. 401k Plan.
- (2) Shares were purchased from 1/1/2005 through 12/31/2005 through NBT Bancorp Inc. ESOP Plan.
- (3) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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