

ROSELLE DAVID P  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
ROSELLE DAVID P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WILMINGTON TRUST CORP  
[WL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/21/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O WILMINGTON TRUST  
COMPANY, 1100 N MARKET  
STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WILMINGTON, DE 19890

(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	10,857.573 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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)**

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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	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/21/2009		A	<u>460</u> <u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	460
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(4)</u>	\$ 31.375					05/17/2001    05/16/2011	Common Stock	8,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(4)</u>	\$ 27.91					02/20/2006    02/19/2013	Common Stock	3,500
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(4)</u>	\$ 37.02					02/25/2007    02/24/2014	Common Stock	8,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(4)</u>	\$ 33.9					02/25/2008    02/20/2015	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(4)</u>	\$ 43.27					02/23/2009    02/19/2016	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(4)</u>	\$ 43.7					02/15/2010    02/10/2017	Common Stock	3,500
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(4)</u>	\$ 33.08					02/14/2011    02/12/2018	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROSELLE DAVID P C/O WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY 1100 N MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, DE 19890		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Gerard A. Chamberlain, Attorney-in-Fact Pursuant to Limited Power of Attorney

01/23/2009

\_\_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).
- (1) Includes 3,570.573 shares held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. pursuant to dividend reinvestment plan of registrant as of November 17, 2008.
- (2) One-for-one.
- (3) These stock units were acquired in transaction exempt from Section 16b by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d)(2), and will be settled in shares of registrant's common stock following approval of a stock plan.
- (4) (Right to buy).

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