

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 31, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 31, 2006

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**NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-5965**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-2723087**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60603**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 630-6000

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 31, 2006, the registrant announced that its principal subsidiary, The Northern Trust Company, has reached an agreement with counsel for plaintiffs, subject to court approval, to settle all claims asserted against it in *Tittle v. Enron Corp.*, an ERISA class action case that was filed in 2001 on behalf of participants in certain Enron employee benefit plans.

A copy of the Corporation's press release announcing the settlement is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99 Press Release dated March 31, 2006

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

Date: March 31, 2006

By: /s/ FREDERICK H. WADDELL  
Frederick H. Waddell  
President and Chief Operating Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99	Press Release dated March 31, 2006