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> > 1 NBT Bank Overview NBT Bank Overview November 21, 2011

2 Who are we? 3

• Established in 1856 • Assets of \$5.5 Billion – Among the 100 largest banks in the U.S. - 1,660 Employees • 1,365 in New York • 249 in Pennsylvania • 23 in Vermont • 21 in Massachusetts • One each in Kentucky and Nebraska • 128 Branches – 86 in New York – 35 in Pennsylvania – 3 in Vermont – 4 in Massachusetts • 165 ATMs NBT Bancorp at a Glance

4 Where are we?

5 Locations

6 Vermont Regional Headquarters 7 Berkshire County Branch Acquisition

8 What are we about?

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Strategic Vision

NBT Bancorp Inc. will strive to remain an independent community-oriented financial service provider positioned to take advantage of strategic growth opportunities. Stockholder value will be enhanced by profitably serving our markets and by offering our customers products and services that satisfy their changing needs while building customer loyalty through responsive and superior customer service. We will cultivate a positive working environment that promotes pride and teamwork while recognizing achievement. The company will reward employees who think like owners and exhibit the initiative necessary to ensure our growth and continued success.

10 Strategic Roadmap Vision Values Strategic Focus Areas Budget Incentive Plan Business Plan Performance Management Processes

11 NBT Bancorp Culture Survey Results This company cares a great deal about customer satisfaction. I am proud to work for this company. I understand the relationship between my job and the company's direction and goals. % Favorable Responses

12 How are we doing?

NAME	HQ CITY	STATE	TICKER
Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.	Pittsfield	MA	BHLB
Community Bank System, Inc.	Dewitt	NY	CBU
First Commonwealth Financial Corporation	Indiana	PA	FCF
F.N.B. Corporation	Hermitage	PA	FNB
National Penn Bancshares, Inc.	Boyertown	PA	NPBC
Northwest Bancorp, Inc.	Warren	PA	NWBI
Provident New York Bancorp	Montebello	NY	PBNY
S&T Bancorp, Inc.	Indiana	PA	STBA
Susquehanna Bancshares	Lititz	PA	SUSQ
Tompkins Financial Corporation	Ithaca	NY	TMP
TrustCo Bank Corp NY	Glenville	NY	TRST

13 Our Peer Group

14 Net Interest Margin Peer Group Comparison Quarter Ended September 30, 2011 Source: Peer Press Releases

15 Return on Average Assets Peer Group Comparison Quarter Ended September 30, 2011 Source: Peer Press Releases

16 Return on Average Equity Peer Group Comparison Quarter Ended September 30, 2011 Source: Peer Press Releases

17 Allowance/Nonperforming Loans Peer Group Comparison Quarter Ended September 30, 2011 Source: Peer Press Releases

18 Loan Loss Reserve/Gross Loans Peer Group Comparison Quarter Ended September 30, 2011 Source: Peer Press Releases

19 Nonperforming Loans/Loans Peer Group Comparison Quarter Ended September 30, 2011 Source: Peer Press Releases

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Relative Average Rankir	ng	
Quarter Ended September 30	, 2011	
Calculated using source data from Peer Press Releases		
Ratios	Relative	
Katios	Peer Ranking	
Return on Average Equity	1	
Return on Average Assets	4	
Net Interest Margin	1	
Allowance for Loan and Leases to Total Loans	4	
Nonperforming Loans to Total Loans	3	
Allowance for Loan and Leases to Nonperforming Loans	3	
NBTB Average Ranking	2.67	

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Relative Average Ranking		
Quarter Ended September 30, 2011		
Calculated using source data from Peer Press Releases		
2.67		
3.17		
4.33		
5.50		
6.33		
7.17		
7.33		
7.33		
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9.33		
9.67		
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23 ABA Banking Journal

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First in Customer Satisfaction According to research conducted by the American Customer Satisfaction IndexTM (ACSI) during the third quarter of 2010,we scored the highest rating in customer satisfaction versus the largest U.S. retail banks.

25 Three-Year Comparative Returns For the period from September 30, 2008 to September 30, 2011 Source: Bloomberg

26 Ten-Year Comparative Returns For the period from September 30, 2001 to September 30, 2011 Source: Bloomberg

27 How do we do this?

28 1) Employees 2) Customers 31
Hampshire First Bank & NBT
Strong, shared commitment to:

Community banking
Exceptional customer service

HFB will gain access to additional resources and continued ability to leverage local knowledge and decision making in its market area
Extension of NBT Bank's footprint to New Hampshire fits well with recent strategic growth in New England:

Organic expansion in northwestern Vermont
Acquisition of four new branches last month in Berkshire County, Massachusetts

32 Merger/Conversion Process • Next Steps - Gain additional understanding of HFB • Organization • Staff • Markets - Conversion team formation and kickoff - Communications • Employees (regular "Merger Update" newsletter) • Customers - Approval by regulators and HFB stockholders

33 Questions