

OTTER TAIL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MACFARLANE CHARLES S

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
215 S CASCADE ST  
(Street)

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
OTTER TAIL CORP [OTTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/08/2008

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)  
President, Otter Tail Power Co

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

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 04/08/2008                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 492 D   | \$ 20,445.9639<br><u>(2)</u>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 787.8334  | I  | ESOP  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 166.6236  | I  | By son & daughter                                     |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 29.74   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/10/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/10/2011                     | Common Stock  | 10,000                        |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 27.245  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/14/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/14/2013                     | Common Stock  | 8,000                         |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 26.495  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/12/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/12/2014                     | Common Stock  | 3,000                         |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 24.93   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/11/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/11/2015                     | Common Stock  | 3,000                         |
| Restricted Stock Units (right to buy)      | <u>(5)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/08/2010 04/08/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 4,300                         |
| Restricted Stock Units (right to buy)      | <u>(5)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/08/2011 04/08/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 3,450                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| MACFARLANE CHARLES S<br>215 S CASCADE ST<br>FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801 |               |           | President, Otter Tail Power Co |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Charles S MacFarlane by Debra J Lill,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/10/2008

\_\_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) Grant of Restricted Stock. On 4/8/2008, 492 shares of Common Stock were withheld by the Corporation to pay taxes due upon vesting of restricted stock, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
  - (2) Total direct holdings include shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and shares acquired through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan and pursuant to Restricted Stock Award distributions.
  - (3) Stock options vest in cumulative annual installments of 25% beginning the date shown.
  - (4) Stock options vest 100% six months from the date of the grant.
  - (5) 1 -for -1

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