

OTTER TAIL CORP  
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**

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 JOHN C

(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)  
04/01/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 4,280   | A  | \$ 19.75  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2008                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 4,280   | D  | \$ 36   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/02/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 12,720  | A  | \$ 19.75  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/02/2008                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 12,720  | D  | \$ 36   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 21,580.2843   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 3,441.281   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | ESOP  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | By IRA  |

Common  
Stock

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) |              |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 19.75   | 04/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 4,280   | 04/10/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/10/2010                     | 04/10/2010  | Common Stock | 100,000              |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 19.75   | 04/02/2008                           |  | M                              | 12,720  | 04/10/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/10/2010                     | 04/10/2010  | Common Stock | 100,000              |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 26.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/09/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/09/2011                     | 04/09/2011  | Common Stock | 100,000              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MACFARLANE JOHN C<br>215 S CASCADE ST<br>FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John C MacFarlane by Debra J Lill,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/03/2008

\_\_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) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1(c) trading plan adopted by the reporting person on 3/5/08.
- (2) Total direct holdings include shares jointly held with spouse in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and the Employee Stock Purchase Plan and shares acquired individually pursuant to Restricted Stock Award distributions.
- (3) Stock options vest in cumulative annual installments of 25% beginning the date shown.

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