

MACFARLANE JOHN C
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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 *
MACFARLANE JOHN C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/12/2005

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

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
Common Stock	09/12/2005		G	V	180	D	\$ 30.94	2,314 ⁽¹⁾	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 (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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ John C MacFarlane by Debra J Lill -POA	09/13/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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These shares are held jointly with his wife. See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of 23,123.1767 shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. 2. Direct holding of 2,282.3813 shares held in Employee Stock Purchase Plan. 3. Direct holding of 3,100 shares (1) which is a grant of Restricted Stock. 4. Direct holding of 8,151 shares which no longer carries the restriction. 5. Indirect holding of 19,683.4917 shares held by ESOP. 6. Indirect holding of 3,345.6510 shares held by an IRA. 7. 52,000 stock options with expiration date of 2/22/2009. 8. 100,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/9/2010. 9. 100,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011.

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