

ERICKSON JOHN D  
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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 \*  
ERICKSON JOHN D

(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)  
12/15/2011

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 & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/15/2011		M		35,200 (1) \$ 21.191	A	152,516 D
Common Stock	12/15/2011		M		27,000 (1) \$ 21.191	A	179,516 D
Common Stock	12/15/2011		M		26,100 (1) \$ 21.191	A	205,616 D
Common Stock	12/15/2011		F		18,780 (2) \$ 21.191	D	186,836 D
Common Stock	12/15/2011		F		14,735 (3) \$ 21.191	D	172,101 D



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- (2) On 12/15/2011, 18,780 shares of Common Stock were withheld by the Corporation to pay taxes due, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- (3) On 12/15/2011, 14,735 shares of Common Stock were withheld by the Corporation to pay taxes due, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- (4) On 12/15/2011, 15,113 shares of Common Stock were withheld by the Corporation to pay taxes due, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- (5) Total direct holdings include shares jointly held with spouse at Merrill Lynch and shares acquired individually pursuant to Restricted Stock Awards and Performance Award distributions.

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