

OTTER TAIL CORP

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 *
SPOLUM ROBERT N

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

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

08/15/2005

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	08/15/2005		M	2,000 A	\$ 19.75 2,000	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S	2,000 D	\$ 28.50 ⁽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. I		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.75	08/15/2005		M	2,000	<u>(2)</u>	04/09/2010	Common Stock	2,000	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPOLUM ROBERT N 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801		X		

Signatures

/s/ Robert N Spolum by Debra J Lill
-POA 08/17/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of 400 shares held in "street name" with Merrill Lynch. 2. Direct holding of 18,487.4205

(1) shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. 3. Direct holding of 3,100 shares which is a grant of restricted stock. 4. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011.

(2) The options became exercisable in four equal annual installments on the anniversaries of the date of grant, beginning April 10, 2001.

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