

MACFARLANE CHARLES S
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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 CHARLES S

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)
 12/01/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President, Otter Tail Power Co

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

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

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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)
Common Stock	12/01/2008		G	V 206.525 A \$ 0	291.1201	I ⁽¹⁾	By daughter
Common Stock	12/01/2008		G	V 206.525 A \$ 0	291.1201	I ⁽²⁾	By son
Common Stock					21,126.9619 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock					895.6335	I	ESOP

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 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/10/2011	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.495					10/12/2004 ⁽⁵⁾ 04/12/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 24.93					10/11/2005 ⁽⁵⁾ 04/11/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Restricted Stock Units (right to buy)	(6)					04/08/2010 04/08/2010	Common Stock	4,300
Restricted Stock Units (right to buy)	(6)					04/08/2011 04/08/2011	Common Stock	3,450
Restricted Stock Units (right to buy)	(6)					04/08/2012 04/08/2012	Common Stock	3,550

