

SPIES GARY J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
SPIES GARY J

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)
04/20/2009

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)

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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 | 04/20/2009 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 3,600 A <u>2</u> | 21,786.8756 <u>(3)</u> | 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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- (5) There is no specific "Exercisable Date" on the Phantom Stock Award.
- (6) There is no specific "Expiration Date" on this Phantom Stock Award.
- (7) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan at fair market value as part of the Compensation Program for Outside Directors. He first elected this method of payment in 2001.
- (8) Stock options vest in cumulative annual installments of 25% beginning the date shown.

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