

SPIES GARY J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

(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)  
12/31/2009

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)

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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	22,479.5036 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock Units(right to buy)	(2)	12/31/2009		A	598.6829 (3)	(4)	(5)	Common Stock
Stock Options(right to buy)	\$ 26.25					04/09/2001	04/09/2011	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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215 S CASCADE ST  
FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

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## Signatures

/s/Gary J Spies by Ella J Leapaldt,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/05/2010

\_\_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).
- (1) Total direct holdings include shares jointly held with his spouse at Piper Jaffrey, shares held by spouse at Dorn & Co and shares acquired individually through Dividend Reinvestment and pursuant to Restricted Stock Award distributions.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) 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.
- (4) There is no specific "Exercisable Date" on the Phantom Stock Award.
- (5) There is no specific "Expiration Date" on this Phantom Stock Award.

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