

OTTER TAIL CORP  
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 \*  
SPOLUM ROBERT N

(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)  
08/31/2006

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) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	08/31/2006		S	1,715 D \$ 30.13	21,130	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2006		S	600 D \$ 30.14	20,530	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2006		S	400 D \$ 30.16	20,130	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2006		S	500 D \$ 30.17	19,630	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2006		S	510 D \$ 30.25	19,120	D	

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Common Stock	08/31/2006	S	100	D	\$ 30.26	19,020	D
Common Stock	08/31/2006	S	100	D	\$ 30.28	18,920	D
Common Stock	08/31/2006	S	690	D	\$ 30.29	18,230	D
Common Stock	08/31/2006	S	100	D	\$ 30.3	18,130	D
Common Stock	08/31/2006	S	100	D	\$ 30.31	18,030	D
Common Stock	08/31/2006	S	185	D	\$ 30.33	17,845 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SPOLUM ROBERT N  
215 S CASCADE ST  
FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

No longer Subject to Section 1

## Signatures

/s/ Robert N Spolum by Debra J Lill  
-POA

08/31/2006

\_\_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) These shares are held in "street name" with Merrill Lynch. See below for other holdings: 1. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011. Mr. Spolum is under the six month obligation period for this sale as he retired from the Board of Directors as of April 10, 2006.

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