

Otter Tail Corp  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2011

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 12, 2011

## OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-53713  
(Commission  
File Number)

27-0383995  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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215 South Cascade Street, P.O. Box 496, Fergus Falls, MN  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (866) 410-8780

56538-0496  
(Zip Code)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 12, 2011 Otter Tail Corporation, a Minnesota corporation (the Company) entered into Amendment No. 5 dated as of December 12, 2011 to Note Purchase Agreement dated as of February 23, 2007 ( Amendment No. 5 ) with Cascade Investment, L.L.C. ( Cascade ). Amendment No. 5 amends that certain Note Purchase Agreement dated as of February 23, 2007 (as amended, the Cascade Note Purchase Agreement ) between the Company (as assignee of Otter Tail Power Company, formerly known as Otter Tail Corporation ( Old Otter Tail )) and Cascade, pursuant to which the Company's \$50,000,000 Senior Note due November 30, 2017 (the Cascade Note ) was issued. The Cascade Note currently bears interest at 8.89% per annum. The Cascade Note Purchase Agreement and the second, third and fourth amendments thereto are filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Old Otter Tail's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 28, 2007, Exhibit 4.3 to Old Otter Tail's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2009, Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 29, 2010 and Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 3, 2010, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Amendment No. 5 amends the definition of Consolidated Net Income in the Cascade Note Purchase Agreement to permit the Company to exclude from Consolidated Net Income certain non-operating losses and aggregate net losses in addition to similar non-operating gains and aggregate net gains, respectively. The summary in this Item 1.01 of the material terms of Amendment No. 5 is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Amendment No. 5, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Cascade owned approximately 9.6% of the Company's outstanding common shares as of November 2, 2011 and is a party to a Standstill Agreement dated as of July 1, 2009 with the Company. A copy of the Standstill Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2009.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

- 4.1 Amendment No. 5 dated as of December 12, 2011 to Note Purchase Agreement dated as of February 23, 2007, between Otter Tail Corporation and Cascade Investment, L.L.C.

**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

Date: December 13, 2011

By /s/ Kevin G. Moug  
Kevin G. Moug  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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