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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 0-53713

OTTER TAIL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

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

215 South Cascade Street, Box 496, Fergus Falls, Minnesota
(Address of principal executive offices)

56538-0496
(Zip Code)

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

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer o

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Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes
 No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of Common Stock, as of the latest practicable date:

July 31, 2010 – 35,932,339 Common Shares (\$5 par value)

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Otter Tail Corporation
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(not audited)

| (in thousands) | June 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$-- | \$4,432 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Trade—Net | 116,609 | 95,747 |
| Other | 11,308 | 10,883 |
| Inventories | 94,089 | 86,515 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 11,402 | 11,457 |
| Accrued Utility and Cost-of-Energy Revenues | 10,406 | 15,840 |
| Costs and Estimated Earnings in Excess of Billings | 76,150 | 61,835 |
| Income Taxes Receivable | 10,968 | 48,049 |
| Other | 22,144 | 15,265 |
| Total Current Assets | 353,076 | 350,023 |
| Investments | 9,738 | 9,889 |
| Other Assets | 26,611 | 26,098 |
| Goodwill | 94,306 | 106,778 |
| Other Intangibles—Net | 27,757 | 33,887 |
| Deferred Debits | | |
| Unamortized Debt Expense and Reacquisition Premiums | 10,874 | 10,676 |
| Regulatory Assets | 123,096 | 118,700 |
| Total Deferred Debits | 133,970 | 129,376 |
| Plant | | |
| Electric Plant in Service | 1,314,648 | 1,313,015 |
| Nonelectric Operations | 381,092 | 362,088 |
| Construction Work in Progress | 37,204 | 23,363 |
| Total Gross Plant | 1,732,944 | 1,698,466 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization | 633,163 | 599,839 |
| Net Plant | 1,099,781 | 1,098,627 |
| Total | \$1,745,239 | \$1,754,678 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Otter Tail Corporation
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(not audited)

| (in thousands, except share data) | June 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Short-Term Debt | \$67,587 | \$7,585 |
| Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt | 734 | 59,053 |
| Accounts Payable | 94,710 | 83,724 |
| Accrued Salaries and Wages | 18,821 | 21,057 |
| Accrued Taxes | 8,753 | 11,304 |
| Derivative Liabilities | 18,083 | 14,681 |
| Other Accrued Liabilities | 9,377 | 9,638 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 218,065 | 207,042 |
| Pensions Benefit Liability | 97,430 | 95,039 |
| Other Postretirement Benefits Liability | 38,602 | 37,712 |
| Other Noncurrent Liabilities | 23,726 | 22,697 |
| Commitments (note 9) | | |
| Deferred Credits | | |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 163,019 | 155,306 |
| Deferred Tax Credits | 46,302 | 47,660 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 65,299 | 64,274 |
| Other | 493 | 562 |
| Total Deferred Credits | 275,113 | 267,802 |
| Capitalization | | |
| Long-Term Debt, Net of Current Maturities | 435,898 | 436,170 |
| Class B Stock Options of Subsidiary | 539 | 1,220 |
| Cumulative Preferred Shares Authorized 1,500,000 Shares Without Par Value; Outstanding 2010 and 2009 – 155,000 Shares | 15,500 | 15,500 |
| Cumulative Preference Shares – Authorized 1,000,000 Shares Without Par Value; Outstanding - None | -- | -- |
| Common Shares, Par Value \$5 Per Share—Authorized, 50,000,000 Shares; Outstanding, 2010—35,932,339 Shares; 2009—35,812,280 Shares | 179,662 | 179,061 |
| Premium on Common Shares | 249,931 | 250,398 |

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Retained Earnings | 212,036 | 243,352 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (1,263) | (1,315) |
| Total Common Equity | 640,366 | 671,496 |
| | | |
| Total Capitalization | 1,092,303 | 1,124,386 |
| | | |
| Total | \$1,745,239 | \$1,754,678 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Otter Tail Corporation
Consolidated Statements of Income
(not audited)

| (in thousands, except share and per-share amounts) | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Operating Revenues | | | | |
| Electric | \$76,233 | \$70,610 | \$167,247 | \$159,089 |
| Nonelectric | 193,962 | 176,247 | 365,134 | 365,007 |
| Total Operating Revenues | 270,195 | 246,857 | 532,381 | 524,096 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Production Fuel - Electric | 16,492 | 11,754 | 37,401 | 30,413 |
| Purchased Power - Electric System Use | 10,420 | 11,877 | 22,476 | 29,250 |
| Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses | 29,084 | 28,959 | 57,406 | 55,889 |
| Cost of Goods Sold - Nonelectric (excludes depreciation; included below) | 150,126 | 135,319 | 282,038 | 288,280 |
| Other Nonelectric Expenses | 35,116 | 32,410 | 65,887 | 63,044 |
| Asset Impairment Charge | 19,740 | -- | 19,740 | -- |
| Product Recall and Testing Costs | -- | -- | -- | 1,766 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 19,883 | 18,103 | 39,634 | 35,920 |
| Property Taxes - Electric | 2,477 | 2,255 | 4,951 | 4,745 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 283,338 | 240,677 | 529,533 | 509,307 |
| Operating Income (Loss) | (13,143) | 6,180 | 2,848 | 14,789 |
| Other Income | 1,788 | 1,351 | 1,924 | 2,018 |
| Interest Charges | 9,405 | 6,652 | 18,435 | 12,922 |
| Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes | (20,760) | 879 | (13,663) | 3,885 |
| Income Tax Benefit | (6,542) | (1,852) | (4,162) | (3,234) |
| Net Income (Loss) | (14,218) | 2,731 | (9,501) | 7,119 |
| Preferred Dividend Requirement and Other Adjustments | 279 | 184 | 463 | 368 |
| Earnings Available for Common Shares | \$(14,497) | \$2,547 | \$(9,964) | \$6,751 |
| Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding—Basic | 35,799,231 | 35,388,754 | 35,759,901 | 35,356,745 |
| Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding—Diluted | 35,799,231 | 35,643,707 | 35,759,901 | 35,610,545 |
| Earnings Per Common Share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$(0.40) | \$0.07 | \$(0.28) | \$0.19 |
| Diluted | \$(0.40) | \$0.07 | \$(0.28) | \$0.19 |
| Dividends Per Common Share | \$0.2975 | \$0.2975 | \$0.5950 | \$0.5950 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Otter Tail Corporation
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(not audited)

| | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|---|------------------------------|------------|
| (in thousands) | 2010 | 2009 |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$(9,501) | \$7,119 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by | | |
| Operating Activities: | | |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 39,634 | 35,920 |
| Asset Impairment Charge | 19,740 | -- |
| Deferred Tax Credits | (1,358) | (1,075) |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 7,442 | 9,614 |
| Change in Deferred Debits and Other Assets | (845) | (538) |
| Change in Noncurrent Liabilities and Deferred Credits | 4,471 | 3,826 |
| Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction | -- | (1,003) |
| Change in Derivatives Net of Regulatory Deferral | (313) | (661) |
| Stock Compensation Expense – Equity Awards | 1,320 | 1,754 |
| Other—Net | (389) | 139 |
| Cash (Used for) Provided by Current Assets and Current Liabilities: | | |
| Change in Receivables | (21,307) | 33,264 |
| Change in Inventories | (7,771) | 10,130 |
| Change in Other Current Assets | (15,761) | 18,688 |
| Change in Payables and Other Current Liabilities | (1,798) | (41,161) |
| Change in Interest Payable and Income Taxes Receivable/Payable | 35,855 | 14,289 |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | 49,419 | 90,305 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | | |
| Capital Expenditures | (39,565) | (57,930) |
| Proceeds from Disposal of Noncurrent Assets | 1,999 | 4,551 |
| Net Increase in Other Investments | (808) | (66,671) |
| Net Cash Used in Investing Activities | (38,374) | (120,050) |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities | | |
| Change in Checks Written in Excess of Cash | 7,228 | -- |
| Net Short-Term Borrowings | 60,002 | (15,000) |
| Proceeds from Issuance of Common Stock | 549 | 1,901 |
| Proceeds from Issuance of Class B Stock of Subsidiary | 153 | -- |
| Common Stock Issuance Expenses | (142) | (17) |
| Payments for Retirement of Common Stock | (401) | (229) |
| Payments for Retirement of Class B Stock of Subsidiary | (994) | -- |
| Proceeds from Issuance of Long-Term Debt | 95 | 75,004 |
| Short-Term and Long-Term Debt Issuance Expenses | (1,598) | (3,175) |
| Payments for Retirement of Long-Term Debt | (58,693) | (5,438) |
| Dividends Paid and Other Distributions | (21,812) | (21,457) |
| Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Financing Activities | (15,613) | 31,589 |
| Effect of Foreign Exchange Rate Fluctuations on Cash | 136 | (353) |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | (4,432) | 1,491 |

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|--|-------|---------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period | 4,432 | 7,565 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period | \$-- | \$9,056 |
| See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements. | | |

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(not audited)

In the opinion of management, Otter Tail Corporation (the Company) has included all adjustments (including normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements for the periods presented. The consolidated financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. Because of seasonal and other factors, the earnings for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2010 should not be taken as an indication of earnings for all or any part of the balance of the year.

The following notes are numbered to correspond to numbers of the notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Revenue Recognition

Due to the diverse business operations of the Company, revenue recognition depends on the product produced and sold or service performed. The Company recognizes revenue when the earnings process is complete, evidenced by an agreement with the customer, there has been delivery and acceptance, and the price is fixed or determinable. In cases where significant obligations remain after delivery, revenue recognition is deferred until such obligations are fulfilled. Provisions for sales returns and warranty costs are recorded at the time of the sale based on historical information and current trends. In the case of derivative instruments, such as Otter Tail Power Company's (OTP's) forward energy contracts, marked-to-market and realized gains and losses are recognized on a net basis in revenue in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 815-10-45-9. Gains and losses on forward energy contracts subject to regulatory treatment, if any, are deferred and recognized on a net basis in revenue in the period realized.

For the Company's operating companies recognizing revenue on certain products when shipped, those operating companies have no further obligation to provide services related to such product. The shipping terms used in these instances are FOB shipping point.

Some of the operating businesses enter into fixed-price construction contracts. Revenues under these contracts are recognized on a percentage-of-completion basis. The Company's consolidated revenues recorded under the percentage-of-completion method were 25.6% for the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared with 25.7% for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 24.8% for the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared with 27.6% for the six months ended June 30, 2009. The method used to determine the progress of completion is based on the ratio of labor hours incurred to total estimated labor hours at the Company's wind tower manufacturer and costs incurred to total estimated costs on all other construction projects. If a loss is indicated at any point in time during a contract, a projected loss for the entire contract is estimated and recognized.

The following table summarizes costs incurred and billings and estimated earnings recognized on uncompleted contracts:

| (in thousands) | June 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| Costs Incurred on Uncompleted Contracts | \$385,163 | \$400,577 |

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| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Less Billings to Date | (354,729) | (400,711) |
| Plus Estimated Earnings Recognized | 41,915 | 59,202 |
| | \$72,349 | \$59,068 |

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The following amounts are included in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts are included in Accounts Payable:

| (in thousands) | June 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| Costs and Estimated Earnings in Excess of Billings on Uncompleted Contracts | \$76,150 | \$61,835 |
| Billings in Excess of Costs and Estimated Earnings on Uncompleted Contracts | (3,801) | (2,767) |
| | \$72,349 | \$59,068 |

Costs and Estimated Earnings in Excess of Billings at DMI Industries, Inc. (DMI), the Company's wind tower manufacturer, were \$66,597,000 as of June 30, 2010 and \$54,977,000 as of December 31, 2009. This amount is related to costs incurred on wind towers in the process of completion on major contracts under which the customer is not billed until towers are completed and ready for shipment.

Retainage

Accounts Receivable include amounts billed by the Company's subsidiaries under contracts that have been retained by customers pending project completion of \$9,239,000 on June 30, 2010 and \$9,215,000 on December 31, 2009.

Sales of Receivables

DMI is a party to a \$40 million receivables purchase agreement whereby designated customer accounts receivable may be sold to General Electric Capital Corporation on a revolving basis. The agreement expires in March 2011. Accounts receivable sold totaled \$29,300,000 in the first six months of 2010 compared with \$64,800,000 in the first six months of 2009. Discounts, fees and commissions charged to operating expenses for the three month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$75,000 and \$92,000, respectively. Discounts, fees and commissions charged to operating expenses for the six month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$107,000 and \$267,000, respectively. In compliance with guidance under ASC 860-20, Sales of Financial Assets, sales of accounts receivable are reflected as a reduction of accounts receivable in the consolidated balance sheets and the proceeds are included in the cash flows from operating activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Marketing and Sales Incentive Costs

ShoreMaster, Inc. (ShoreMaster), the Company's waterfront equipment business, provides dealer floor plan financing assistance for certain dealer purchases of ShoreMaster products for certain set time periods based on the timing and size of a dealer's order. ShoreMaster recognizes the estimated cost of projected interest payments related to each financed sale as a liability and a reduction of revenue, at the time of sale, based on historical experience of the average length of time floor plan debt is outstanding, in accordance with guidance under ASC 605-50, Customer Payments and Incentives. The liability is reduced when interest is paid. To the extent current experience differs from previous estimates the accrued liability for financing assistance costs is adjusted accordingly. Financing assistance costs charged to revenue for the three month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$24,000 and \$88,000, respectively. Financing assistance costs charged to revenue for the six month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$84,000 and \$233,000, respectively.

Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information

| (in thousands) | Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 | 2009 |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Increases in Accounts Payable Related to Capital Expenditures | \$745 | \$330 |

Fair Value Measurements

The Company applies authoritative accounting guidance under ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, which provides a single definition of fair value and requires enhanced disclosures about assets and liabilities measured at fair value. ASC 820-10-35 establishes a hierarchal framework for disclosing the observability of the inputs utilized in measuring assets and liabilities at fair value. The three levels defined by the hierarchy and examples of each level follow:

Level 1 – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reported date. The types of assets and liabilities included in Level 1 are highly liquid and actively traded instruments with quoted prices, such as equities listed by the New York Stock Exchange and commodity derivative contracts listed on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Level 2 – Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, but are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reported date. The types of assets and liabilities included in Level 2 are typically either comparable to actively traded securities or contracts, such as treasury securities with pricing interpolated from recent trades of similar securities, or priced with models using highly observable inputs, such as commodity options priced using observable forward prices and volatilities.

Level 3 – Significant inputs to pricing have little or no observability as of the reporting date. The types of assets and liabilities included in Level 3 are those with inputs requiring significant management judgment or estimation and may include complex and subjective models and forecasts.

The following table presents, for each of these hierarchy levels, the Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009:

| June 30, 2010 (in thousands) | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|---|-----------------|------------------|---------|
| Assets: | | | |
| Investments for Nonqualified Retirement Savings Retirement Plan: | | | |
| Money Market and Mutual Funds and Cash | \$ 1,442 | \$ -- | |
| Forward Energy Contracts | | 8,321 | |
| Investments of Captive Insurance Company: | | | |
| Corporate Debt Securities | 8,201 | | |
| Total Assets | \$ 9,643 | \$ 8,321 | |
| Liabilities: | | | |
| Forward Energy Contracts | \$ -- | \$ 17,986 | |
| Foreign Currency Exchange Forward Windows | | 97 | |
| Total Liabilities | \$ -- | \$ 18,083 | |
| | | | |
| December 31, 2009 (in thousands) | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Assets: | | | |
| Investments for Nonqualified Retirement Savings Retirement Plan: | | | |
| Money Market and Mutual Funds and Cash | \$ 731 | \$ -- | |
| Forward Energy Contracts | | 8,321 | |
| Investments of Captive Insurance Company: | | | |
| Corporate Debt Securities | 7,795 | | |
| U.S. Government Debt Securities | 253 | | |
| Total Assets | \$ 8,779 | \$ 8,321 | |
| Liabilities: | | | |
| Forward Energy Contracts | \$ -- | \$ 14,681 | |
| Total Liabilities | \$ -- | \$ 14,681 | |

Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

| (in thousands) | June 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Finished Goods | \$ 46,425 | \$ 42,784 |
| Work in Process | 7,460 | 3,824 |
| Raw Material, Fuel and Supplies | 40,204 | 39,907 |
| Total Inventories | \$ 94,089 | \$ 86,515 |

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The Company accounts for goodwill and other intangible assets in accordance with the requirements of ASC 350, Intangibles—Goodwill and Other, requiring goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets to be measured for impairment at least annually, and more often when events indicate the assets may be impaired. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives and reviewed for impairment in accordance with requirements under ASC 360-10-35, Property, Plant, and Equipment—Overall—Subsequent Measurement.

During the first six months of 2010, ShoreMaster's performance was below its 2010 budget and below its performance over the same period in 2009. While updating the second quarter earnings forecast, it became apparent that ShoreMaster's commercial marina and waterfront lines of business continued to be adversely impacted by the economic recession in 2010. The Consumer Confidence Index declined 9.8% in June 2010 around increasing uncertainty and apprehension about the future state of the economy and labor market. The Purchasing Managers' Index also experienced a drop in June around concerns over the status of the economic recovery. These conditions have resulted in a reduction in incoming orders in the commercial marina business. As a result of the poor first half 2010 performance and new economic indicators, ShoreMaster's new forecast projects a slower recovery from the economic recession than was expected in 2009.

In light of the continuing economic uncertainty and delayed economic recovery, ShoreMaster revised its current sales and operating cash flow projections downward and reassessed its fair value to determine if its goodwill and other assets were impaired. ShoreMaster used a discounted cash flow model using a risk adjusted weighted average cost of capital discount rate of 14% to determine its fair value. The fair value determination indicated ShoreMaster's goodwill and intangible assets were 100% impaired and its long-lived assets were partially impaired, resulting in the following impairment charges in June 2010:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| (in thousands) | |
| Goodwill | \$ 12,259 |
| Brand/Trade Name | 4,869 |
| Other Intangible Assets | 507 |
| Long-Lived Assets | 2,105 |
| Total Asset Impairment Charges | \$ 19,740 |

As a result of the sale of certain imaging assets and routes in the Health Services segment in the second quarter of 2010, goodwill was reduced by \$213,000.

The following table summarizes changes to goodwill by business segment during the first six months of 2010:

| (in thousands) | Balance December 31, 2009 | Adjustment to Goodwill in 2010 | Goodwill Acquired in 2010 | Balance June 30, 2010 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Plastics | \$ 19,302 | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ 19,302 |
| Manufacturing | 24,732 | (12,259) | -- | 12,473 |
| Health Services | 23,878 | (213) | -- | 23,665 |
| Food Ingredient Processing | 24,324 | -- | -- | 24,324 |
| Other Business Operations | 14,542 | -- | -- | 14,542 |
| Total | \$ 106,778 | \$ (12,472) | \$ -- | \$ 94,306 |

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The following table summarizes the components of the Company's intangible assets at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009:

| | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Net Carrying Amount | Amortization Periods |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| June 30, 2010 (in thousands) | | | | |
| Amortized Intangible Assets: | | | | |
| Customer Relationships | \$ 26,946 | \$ 4,318 | \$ 22,628 | 15 – 25 years |
| Covenants Not to Compete | 1,704 | 1,627 | 77 | 3 – 5 years |
| Other Intangible Assets Including Contracts | 930 | 890 | 40 | 5 – 30 years |
| Total | \$ 29,580 | \$ 6,835 | \$ 22,745 | |
| Nonamortized Intangible Assets: | | | | |
| Brand/Trade Name | \$ 5,012 | \$ -- | \$ 5,012 | |
| December 31, 2009 (in thousands) | | | | |
| Amortized Intangible Assets: | | | | |
| Customer Relationships | \$ 26,956 | \$ 3,696 | \$ 23,260 | 15 – 25 years |
| Covenants Not to Compete | 2,190 | 2,047 | 143 | 3 – 5 years |
| Other Intangible Assets Including Contracts | 2,358 | 1,757 | 601 | 5 – 30 years |
| Total | \$ 31,504 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 24,004 | |
| Nonamortized Intangible Assets: | | | | |
| Brand/Trade Name | \$ 9,883 | \$ -- | \$ 9,883 | |

The amortization expense for these intangible assets was \$746,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared with \$835,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2009. The estimated annual amortization expense for these intangible assets for the next five years is \$1,349,000 for 2010, \$1,274,000 for 2011, \$1,255,000 for 2012, \$1,251,000 for 2013 and \$1,251,000 for 2014.

Comprehensive Income

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net (Loss) Income | \$(14,218) | \$2,731 | \$(9,501) | \$7,119 |
| Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income (net-of-tax): | | | | |
| Foreign Currency Translation (Loss) Gain | (676) | 1,008 | (188) | 584 |
| Amortization of Unrecognized Losses and Costs | | | | |
| Related to Postretirement Benefit Programs | 104 | 89 | 209 | 104 |
| Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Available-for-Sale Securities | (8) | 81 | 31 | 26 |
| Total Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income | (580) | 1,178 | 52 | 714 |
| Total Comprehensive (Loss) Income | \$(14,798) | \$3,909 | \$(9,449) | \$7,833 |

New Accounting Standards

Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities—In June 2009, the FASB issued new guidance on consolidation of variable interest entities. The guidance affects various elements of consolidation, including the determination of whether an entity is a variable interest entity and whether an enterprise is a variable interest entity's primary beneficiary. These updates to the Accounting Standards Codification are effective for interim and annual periods beginning after November 15, 2009. The Company implemented the guidance on January 1, 2010 and the implementation did not have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2010-06 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820)—Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements, issued by the FASB in January 2010, updates ASC 820 to require new disclosures for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. The requirements include expanded disclosure of valuation methodologies for fair value measurements, transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy, and gross rather than net presentation of certain changes in Level 3 fair value measurements. The updates to ASC 820 contained in ASU No. 2010-06

were effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for requirements related to gross presentation of certain changes in Level 3 fair value measurements, which are effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2010. The implementation of applicable guidance from ASU No. 2010-06 on January 1, 2010 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements, but did require additional fair value disclosures in footnotes to interim financial statements, similar to disclosures required with year-end financial statements.

2. Segment Information

The Company's businesses have been classified into six segments based on products and services and reach customers in all 50 states and international markets. The six segments are: Electric, Plastics, Manufacturing, Health Services, Food Ingredient Processing and Other Business Operations.

Electric includes the production, transmission, distribution and sale of electric energy in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota by the Company's subsidiary, OTP. In addition, OTP is an active wholesale participant in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) markets. OTP's operations have been the Company's primary business since 1907.

Plastics consists of businesses producing polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe in the Upper Midwest and Southwest regions of the United States.

Manufacturing consists of businesses in the following manufacturing activities: production of wind towers, contract machining, metal parts stamping and fabrication, and production of waterfront equipment, material and handling trays and horticultural containers. These businesses have manufacturing facilities in Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Ontario, Canada and sell products primarily in the United States.

Health Services consists of businesses involved in the sale of diagnostic medical equipment, patient monitoring equipment and related supplies and accessories. These businesses also provide equipment maintenance, diagnostic imaging services and rental of diagnostic medical imaging equipment to various medical institutions located throughout the United States.

Food Ingredient Processing consists of Idaho Pacific Holdings, Inc. (IPH), which owns and operates potato dehydration plants in Ririe, Idaho; Center, Colorado; and Souris, Prince Edward Island, Canada. IPH produces dehydrated potato products that are sold in the United States, Canada and other countries.

Other Business Operations consists of businesses in residential, commercial and industrial electric contracting industries, fiber optic and electric distribution systems, water, wastewater and HVAC systems construction, transportation and energy services. These businesses operate primarily in the Central United States, except for the transportation company which operates in 48 states and four Canadian provinces.

The Company's electric operations, including wholesale power sales, are operated by its wholly owned subsidiary, OTP, and its energy services operation is operated by a separate wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. All of the Company's other businesses are owned by its wholly owned subsidiary, Varistar Corporation (Varistar).

Corporate includes items such as corporate staff and overhead costs, the results of the Company's captive insurance company and other items excluded from the measurement of operating segment performance. Corporate assets consist primarily of cash, prepaid expenses, investments and fixed assets. Corporate is not an operating segment. Rather, it is added to operating segment totals to reconcile to totals on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

The Company has one customer within the manufacturing segment that accounted for 13.6% of the Company's consolidated revenues in 2009. No other single external customer accounts for 10% or more of the Company's consolidated revenues. Substantially all of the Company's long-lived assets are within the United States except for a food ingredient processing dehydration plant in Souris, Prince Edward Island, Canada and a wind tower manufacturing plant in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada.

The following table presents the percent of consolidated sales revenue by country:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | | | Six Months Ended June 30, | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---|------|---|------------------------------|---|------|---|
| | 2010 | | 2009 | | 2010 | | 2009 | |
| United States of America | 97.5 | % | 97.3 | % | 97.0 | % | 97.9 | % |
| Canada | 1.4 | % | 1.3 | % | 2.0 | % | 1.0 | % |
| All Other Countries (none greater than 1%) | 1.1 | % | 1.4 | % | 1.0 | % | 1.1 | % |

The Company evaluates the performance of its business segments and allocates resources to them based on earnings contribution and return on total invested capital. Information for the business segments for three and six month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 and total assets by business segment as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are presented in the following tables:

Operating Revenue

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Electric | \$76,284 | \$70,663 | \$167,370 | \$159,204 |
| Plastics | 26,739 | 22,183 | 49,826 | 35,713 |
| Manufacturing | 84,411 | 76,843 | 162,989 | 172,862 |
| Health Services | 23,645 | 28,192 | 48,816 | 56,359 |
| Food Ingredient Processing | 18,255 | 20,581 | 37,170 | 40,667 |
| Other Business Operations | 42,173 | 29,597 | 68,475 | 61,492 |
| Corporate Revenues and Intersegment Eliminations | (1,312) | (1,202) | (2,265) | (2,201) |
| Total | \$270,195 | \$246,857 | \$532,381 | \$524,096 |

Interest Expense

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Electric | \$5,328 | \$4,266 | \$10,582 | \$8,277 |
| Plastics | 428 | 199 | 791 | 399 |
| Manufacturing | 2,719 | 1,439 | 5,185 | 2,718 |
| Health Services | 280 | 100 | 525 | 196 |
| Food Ingredient Processing | 28 | 10 | 65 | 20 |
| Other Business Operations | 300 | 112 | 536 | 232 |
| Corporate and Intersegment Eliminations | 322 | 526 | 751 | 1,080 |
| Total | \$9,405 | \$6,652 | \$18,435 | \$12,922 |

Income Tax (Benefit) Expense

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Electric | \$(452) | \$(832) | \$4,446 | \$939 |
| Plastics | 141 | 198 | 635 | (1,449) |

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|---------------|----------|--------|
| Manufacturing | (5,616) | (208) |
|---------------|----------|--------|