

OTTER TAIL CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
MACFARLANE CHARLES S

(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)  
04/11/2005

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)  
President, Otter Tail Power Co

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/11/2005		A	3,000	\$ 24.93	6,250 <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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8.
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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 24.93	04/11/2005		A		3,000		10/11/2005	04/10/2015	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MACFARLANE CHARLES S 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801			President, Otter Tail Power Co	

## Signatures

/s/ Charles S MacFarlane by Debra J Lill  
-POA  
Date: 04/13/2005

\_\_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).

Shares of Common Stock acquired under the Corporation's Stock Incentive Plan, which is a grant of Restricted Stock. The 3,000 shares granted 4/11/05 have a grant price of \$24.93 and vest at 25% yearly beginning 4/8/06. See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of 730 shares. 2. Direct holding of 4,648.2895 shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. 3. Direct holding of 3,431 shares which no longer carries the restriction. 4. Direct holding of 2,804.0879 shares held in the Employee Stock Purchase Plan. 5. Indirect holding of 501.2182 shares held by ESOP. 6. Indirect holding of 149.0214 shares held by his children in custodian accounts. 7. 10,000 stock options with expiration date of 12/9/2011. 8. 3,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/7/2012. 9. 8,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/13/2013. 10. 3,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/11/2014.

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