NELSON KENNETH L

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1(b).

(City)

(State)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NELSON KENNETH L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OTTER TAIL CORP [OTTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
215 S CASCA	ADE ST		(Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2005	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
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(City)	(State) (Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		(A) or		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/30/2005		Code V A	Amount 441	(D)	Price \$ 28.91	15,539 (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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ite	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
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								Number		
								of		
								Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other NELSON KENNETH L X 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth L Nelson by Debra J Lill -POA

01/04/2006

**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).
 - Shares of Common Stock acquired under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan at fair market value as part of the Compensation Program for Outside Directors. 15,098 shares of this total are held in "street name" with Wells Fargo Investments. See below for other holdings: 1.
- (1) Direct holding of 1,104.5053 shares of Common Stock held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. 2. Direct holding of 3,100 shares of Common Stock which is a grant of Restricted Stock. 3. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/9/2010. 4. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011.

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