

KOECK GEORGE A  
 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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KOECK GEORGE A**

(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)  
**04/08/2005**

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)  
 Corp Secretary & Gen Counsel

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		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	
Common Stock	04/08/2005		F		1,294	D	\$ 25.1
					4,400 <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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number
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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
KOECK GEORGE A 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801			Corp Secretary & Gen Counsel	

### Signatures

/s/ George A Koeck by Debra J Lill 04/12/2005  
 -POA Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

### 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).
- Grants of Restricted Stock. On 4/8/2005, 1,294 shares were withheld by the Corporation to pay taxes due upon vesting of restricted stock, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e). 4,400 shares remain restricted. See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of 3,251 shares which no longer carries the restriction. 2. Indirect holding of 657,1399 shares held by ESOP. 3. 2,500 stock options with expiration date of 8/2/2009. 4. 4,125 stock options with expiration date of 4/9/2010. 5. 20,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011.

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