KOECK GEORGE A

Form 4

February 05, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

OTTER TAIL CORP [OTTR]

(Month/Day/Year)

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

215 S CASCADE ST

(Last)

(City)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

02/03/2009

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Corp Secretary & Gen Counsel

(Street)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

(State)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

12,456.4402

(1)

Transaction(s)

ESOP

Common

Stock

Common

755.7428 I Stock

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)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number one 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 a Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance RIghts	<u>(2)</u>	02/03/2009		A	3,700	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KOECK GEORGE A 215 S CASCADE ST

215 S CASCADE ST Corp Secretary & Gen Counsel FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

Signatures

/s/ George A Koeck by Debra J Lill, Attorney-in-Fact

02/05/2009

**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).
- (1) Total direct holdings include shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and shares acquired pursuant to Restricted Stock Awards and Performance Award distributions.
- (2) This is a Performance Share Award and has no conversion or exercise price at this time.
- (3) There is no specific "Exercisable Date" on this Performance Share Award.
- (4) There is no specific "Expiration Date" on this Performance Share Award.
- (5) The grant price of this award was based on fair market value at the time of the grant which was \$28.235.
- (6) Performance Share Award acquired under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan. This award was reaffirmed at the Board of Directors meeting held 2/3/09 and is based on performance period of 1/1/2006 12/31/2008.

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