ERICKSON JOHN D

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ERICKSON JOHN D

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

OTTER TAIL CORP [OTTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/05/2008

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below)

President & CEO

(Check all applicable)

215 S CASCADE ST

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

Applicable Line)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(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 Indirect Beneficial (T)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Rights	<u>(1)</u>	02/05/2008		A		24,375		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	24,375

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting owner rune, runess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ERICKSON JOHN D 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801	X		President & CEO					

Signatures

/s/ John D Erickson by Debra J Lill
-POA
02/06/2008

**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) This is a Performance Share Award and has no conversion or exercise price at this time.
- (2) There is no specific "Exercisable Date" on this Performance Share Award.
- (3) There is no specific "Expiration Date" on this Performance Share Award.
- (4) The grant price of this award was based on fair market value at the time of the grant which was \$24.93.

Performance Share Award acquired under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan. This award was reaffirmed at the Board of Directors meeting held 2/5/08 and is based on performance period of 1/1/2005 - 12/31/2007. See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of 6,144 shares of Common Stock which is a grant of Performance Shares. 2. Direct holding of 113.0161 shares of Common Stock held in the Dividend

(5) Reinvestment Plan. 3. Direct holding of 8,321.4220 shares of Common Stock held in the Employee Stock Purchase Plan. 4. Direct holding of 6,500 shares of Common Stock which is a grant of Restricted Stock. 5. Direct holding of 46,245 shares of Common Stock which no longer carries the restriction. 6. Indirect holding of 4,981.8140 shares of Common Stock held by ESOP. 7. 16,000 stock options with expiration date of 2/23/2009. 8. 25,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/10/2010. 9. 75,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/9/2011.

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