

NELSON KENNETH L

Form 4

February 13, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

215 S CASCADE ST

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/10/2006

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/10/2006		S		100.566	D	\$ 29.9	15,578	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		S		500	D	\$ 29.8	15,078	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		S		4,876	D	\$ 29.6	10,202	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S		1,559	D	\$ 29.25	8,643	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S		300	D	\$ 29.26	8,343	D
	02/13/2006		S		100	D	\$ 29.2	8,243	D

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Common
Stock

Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	600	D	\$ 29.18	7,643	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	100	D	\$ 29.24	7,543	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	2,341	D	\$ 29.17	5,202	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	214	D	\$ 29.11	4,988	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	100	D	\$ 29.1	4,888	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	100	D	\$ 29.09	4,788	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 29.07	3,688	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	559	D	\$ 29.06	3,129	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	134	D	\$ 29.03	2,995	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	200	D	\$ 29.01	2,795	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	100	D	\$ 29.05	2,695	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	2,695	D	\$ 29	0 ⁽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)

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,	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

/s/ Kenneth L Nelson by Debra J Lill -POA	02/13/2006
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**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).

These shares were held in "street name" with Wells Fargo Investments. See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of 1,104.5053 (1) 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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