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(Print or Type I	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> MACFARLANE JOHN C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OTTER TAIL CORP [OTTR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Check				k all applicable)				
215 S CASCADE ST			(Month/Day/Year) 04/20/2009					X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
	(Street)			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	-			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0	One Reporting Pe	erson	
FERGUS F	ALLS, MN 5653	37-2801						Form filed by M Person	fore than One Ke	eporung	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Securi	ities Ac	quired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date 2A. Dec (Month/Day/Year) Executi any (Month		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) c l of (D))	Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	04/20/2009			A <u>(1)</u>	3,600	А	<u>(2)</u>	53,503.4248 (<u>3)</u>	D		
Common Stock								22,764.1403	I	ESOP	
Common Stock								3,441.281	I	By IRA	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.75					04/10/2001(4)	04/10/2010	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.25					04/09/2002(4)	04/09/2011	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MACFARLANE JOHN C							
215 S CASCADE ST	Х						
FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801							
Signatures							
/s/ John C MacFarlane by Debra J L	ill,						
Attorney-in-Fact			04/21	/2009			
**Signature of Reporting Perso	n		Ι	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) Shares of Common Stock acquired under the Corporation's Stock Incentive Plan, which is a grant of Restricted Stock. The 3,600 shares granted 4/20/2009 vest 25% yearly commencing 4/8/2010.
- (2) This grant has a FMV of \$22.15.
- (3) Total direct holdings include shares jointly held with spouse, ESPP shares and shares acquired individually pursuant to Restricted Stock Award distributions.
- (4) Stock options vest in cumulative annual installments of 25% beginning the date shown.

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