PARTAIN NATHAN I

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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(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PARTAIN NATHAN I

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

OTTER TAIL CORP [OTTR]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/20/2009

X Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

below)

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

(State)

(Street)

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

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

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

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

1,600

Code V Amount (D) Price

17,706.3459

D

Ι

Common 04/20/2009 Stock

(City)

 $A^{(1)}$ 3,600 Α (2) (3)

By IRA

Common 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)

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				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	2,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.25					04/09/2002(4)	04/09/2011	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PARTAIN NATHAN I 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801	X					

Signatures

/s/ Nathan I Partain by Debra J Lill, Attorney-in-Fact

04/21/2009

**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) 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 at Merrill Lynch, shares held individually in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan 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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