ERICKSON JOHN D

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ERICKSON JOHN D			Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Otter Tail Corp [OTTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
215 S CASCADE ST			12/15/2009	X Officer (give title Other (special below)		
				President & CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(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) n or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/15/2009		S(1)(2)	274	D	\$ 23.34	2,126	I	By Foundation	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		S(2)	510	D	\$ 23.35	1,616	I	By Foundation	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		S(2)	100	D	\$ 23.36	1,516	I	By Foundation	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		S(2)	202	D	\$ 23.37	1,314	I	By Foundation	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		S(2)	100	D	\$ 23.38	1,214	I	By Foundation	

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Common Stock	12/15/2009	S(2)	142	D	\$ 23.4	1,072	I
Common Stock	12/15/2009	S(2)	72	D	\$ 23.41	1,000	I
Common Stock	12/15/2009	S(2)	400	D	\$ 23.42	600	I
Common Stock	12/15/2009	S(2)	500	D	\$ 23.46	100	I
Common Stock	12/15/2009	S(2)	100	D	\$ 23.47	0	I
Common Stock	12/16/2009	M	10,000	A	\$ 19.75	106,852	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(1)(3)	700	D	\$ 23.37	106,152	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	200	D	\$ 23.38	105,952	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	2,600	D	\$ 23.4	103,352	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	300	D	\$ 23.4075	103,052	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	1,000	D	\$ 23.41	102,052	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	400	D	\$ 23.415	101,652	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	300	D	\$ 23.4175	101,352	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	1,500	D	\$ 23.42	99,852	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	1,200	D	\$ 23.43	98,652	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	100	D	\$ 23.44	98,552	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	600	D	\$ 23.45	97,952	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	100	D	\$ 23.455	97,852	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	400	D	\$ 23.46	97,452	D
Common Stock	12/16/2009	S(3)	200	D	\$ 23.47	97,252	D
	12/16/2009	S(3)	400	D	\$ 23.48	96,852 (4)	D

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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. Transa Code (Instr.		5. Solumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	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,
Attorney-in-Fact

**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) All sales and gifts reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c) trading plans.

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Trading Plan was adopted by The John and Kim Erickson Family Foundation, a non-profit charitable corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on 5/7/2008.

- (3) Trading Plan was adopted by the reporting person on 3/6/2008.
- (4) Total direct holdings include shares jointly held with spouse through Merrill Lynch and shares acquired individually pursuant to Restricted Stock Awards and Performance Award distributions.

Remarks:

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