

NELSON KENNETH L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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)
				(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 <sup>(1)</sup>	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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4, and 5)

		Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
		Exercisable	Date		
Code	V (A) (D)				

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NELSON KENNETH L 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801	X			

## Signatures

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