

Otter Tail Corp  
Form 8-K  
September 11, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 11, 2009**

**OTTER TAIL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-53713  
(Commission  
File Number)

27-0383995  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

215 South Cascade Street, P.O. Box 496, Fergus Falls,  
MN

56538-0496  
(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (866) 410-8780

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On September 11, 2009 Otter Tail Power Company, a subsidiary of Otter Tail Corporation, issued a press release announcing its withdrawal both as a participating utility and as the project's lead developer from Big Stone II, a 500-to-600-megawatt coal-fired power plant proposed at the site of the existing Big Stone Plant near Milbank, South Dakota, with related transmission upgrades in South Dakota and Minnesota. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release issued September 11, 2009

**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

Date: September 11, 2009

By /s/ Kevin G. Moug  
Kevin G. Moug  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit	Description of Exhibit	
99.1	Press release, dated September 11, 2009	4