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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add EMMEN DE	•	rting Person *	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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Chech all application)		
215 S CASCA	ADE ST		(Month/Day/Year) 04/11/2005	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
FERGUS FA	LLS, MN 5	56537-2801	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	04/11/2005		A	1,300	A	\$ 24.93	3,100 (1)	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)

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5	Derivative Security Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	s I		Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					Code V	<i></i>	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Amour or Number of	er	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
EMMEN DENNIS R 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801	X						

Signatures

/s/ Dennis R Emmen by Debra J Lill
-POA 04/13/2005

**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).
 - Shares of Common Stock acquired under the Corporation's Stock Incentive Plan, which is a grant of Restricted Stock. The 1,300 shares granted 4/11/05 have a grant price of \$24.93 and vest at 25% yearly beginning 4/8/06. See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of
- (1) 115 shares of the \$3.60 Preferred issue. 2. Direct holding of 3000 shares held jointly with his wife. 3. Direct holding of 1,700 shares which no longer carries the restriction. 4. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/9/2010. 5. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011.

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