MOLBERT LAURIS N

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MOLBERT LAURIS N Issuer Symbol OTTER TAIL CORP [OTTR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ _ Other (specify 215 S CASCADE ST 02/03/2009 below) COO & Exec Vice Pres (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

(City)	(State) (2	Table Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or 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						46,278 (1)	D	
Common Stock						223.2925	I	ESOP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Rights	<u>(2)</u>	02/03/2009		A	8,900	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	8,900

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MOLBERT LAURIS N 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

COO & Exec Vice Pres

Signatures

/s/ Lauris N Molbert by Debra J Lill, Attorney-in-Fact

02/05/2009

**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) Total direct holdings include shares jointly held with spouse through Wells Fargo and shares acquired individually pursuant to Restricted Stock Award and Performance Award distributions.
- (2) This is a Performance Share Award and has no conversion or exercise price at this time.
- (3) There is no specific "Exercisable Date" on this Performance Share Award.
- (4) There is no specific "Expiration Date" on this Performance Share Award.
- (5) The grant price of this award was based on fair market value at the time of the grant which was \$28.235.
- (6) Performance Share Award acquired under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan. This award was reaffirmed at the Board of Directors meeting held 2/3/09 and is based on performance period of 1/1/2006 12/31/08.

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