SPIES GARY J Form 4 April 14, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

SPIES GARY	Y J		Symbol	Issuer	
			OTTER TAIL CORP [OTTR]		(Check all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction		(encon un appricació)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Month/Day/Year)

215 S CASCADE ST

(Month/Day/Year)

03/04/2009

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

225 S CASCADE ST

(Month/Day/Year)

23. Director

24. Director

25. Director

26. Officer (give title below)

(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

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FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or D	ispose	d of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/04/2009		P(1)	3,500	A	\$ 15.97	18,186.8756 (2)	D	

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

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Person

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and A	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(3)					<u>(4)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	15,576.499
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.25					04/10/2001	04/09/2011	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SPIES GARY J							
215 S CASCADE ST	X						
FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801							

Signatures

/s/ Gary J Spies by Debra J Lill,
Attorney-in-Fact 04/14/2009

**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) The Corporation was recently informed of this transaction from 3/4/09. The reporting person's wife purchased these shares as a "transfer on death" registration to their grandchildren through a local brokerage firm, Dorn & Co Inc.
- (2) Total direct holdings include shares jointly held with his spouse at Piper Jaffray and shares acquired individually through Dividend Reinvestment and pursuant to Restricted Stock Award distributions.
- (3) These are Restricted Stock Units and have no conversion or exercise price at this time.
- (4) There is no specific "Exercisable Date" on these Restricted Stock Units.
- (5) There is no specific "Expiration Date" on these Restricted Stock Units.

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