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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 SPIES GARY J Issuer Symbol Otter Tail Corp [OTTR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 215 S CASCADE ST 06/30/2009 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Instr. 8) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 22,037.9909 D

Stock

(City)

(State)

(1)

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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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 of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a 5)) or (D)	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	Amoun Numbe Shares
Phantom Stock Units (right to buy)	<u>(2)</u>	06/30/2009		A	690.9513		(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	690.9 (5)
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.25						04/10/2001	04/09/2011	Common Stock	2,00

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Gary J Spies by Debra J Lill, Attorney-in-Fact 07/02/2009

**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 his spouse at Piper Jaffray, shares held by spouse at Dorn & Co and shares acquired individually through Dividend Reinvestment and pursuant to Restricted Stock Award distributions.
- (2) 1 -for -1
- (3) There is no specific "Exercisable Date" on the Phantom Stock Award.
- (4) There is no specific "Expiration Date" on this Phantom Stock Award.
- (5) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan at fair market value as part of the Compensation Program for Outside Directors. He first elected this method of payment in 2001.

Remarks:

On July 1, 2009, Otter Tail Corporation (CIK #001466593) became the successor of Otter Tail Power Company (formerly Ott Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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