MACFARLANE JOHN C

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

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1(b).

(City)

(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 MACFARLANE JOHN C Issuer Symbol Otter Tail Corp [OTTR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 215 S CASCADE ST 03/26/2012 (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 Person

(State)

(City)	(State) (A	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securi			5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionAcquired (A) or				Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	1 '			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					()		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/26/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	3,875	D	\$ 22	64,269.9077 (2)	D	
Common Stock							27,506.281	Ι	By IRA

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. Titl Deriv Secur (Instr.	ative ity	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. tiorNumber of) Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	s I	ate	Amou Under Secur	Citle and arount of derlying curities str. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans
					Code \	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MACFARLANE JOHN C 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801	X						

Signatures

/s/ John C MacFarlane by Debra J Lill, Attorney-in-Fact

03/27/2012

**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 sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1(c)trading plan adopted by the reporting person on 2/28/12.
- (2) Total direct holdings include shares jointly held with spouse in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and the Employee Stock Purchase Plan and shares acquired individually pursuant to Restricted Stock Award distributions.

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