MACFARLANE CHARLES S

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MACFARLANE CHARLES S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Otter Tail Corp [OTTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
215 S CASCADE ST			04/08/2012	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specification) below)			
				Sr VP, Electric Platform			
(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			
FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Code Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership **Following** or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price Common 04/08/2012 M 3,550 A (1) 60,188.9243 D Stock 1,161 Common F D 04/08/2012 59,027.9243 D 21.7897 Stock (2) Common $F^{(3)}$ 04/08/2012 D D 777 58,250.9243 21.7897 Stock Common 57,440.9243 04/08/2012 $F^{(4)}$ D 810 Stock 21.7897 Common

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Common Stock	1,532.8605 I	By daughter							
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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)

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)	orof D Secu Acq (A) o Disp (D)	or cosed of cr. 3, 4,	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 or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (right to buy)	<u>(6)</u>	04/08/2012		M		3,550	04/08/2012	04/08/2012	Common Stock	3,550
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.495						10/12/2004(7)	04/12/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 24.93						10/11/2005(7)	04/11/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Restricted Stock Units	(8)						04/08/2013	04/08/2013	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MACFARLANE CHARLES S 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

Sr VP, Electric Platform

Signatures

/s/ Charles S MacFarlane by Debra J Lill, Attorney-in-Fact

04/10/2012

**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 reporting person receives one share of Common Stock for each restricted stock unit that vests.
- In accordance with the issuer's equity award program, restricted stock units were forfeited to issuer in satisfaction of tax withholding
- (2) obligation upon vesting 3,550 restricted stock units on April 8, 2012. The issuer returned such forfeited restricted stock units to the respective stock plan.
- (3) Grant of Restricted Stock. On 4/8/2012, 777 shares of Common Stock were withheld by the Corporation to pay taxes due upon vesting of restricted stock, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- (4) Grant of Restricted Stock. On 4/8/2012, 810 shares of Common Stock were withheld by the Corporation to pay taxes due upon vesting of restricted stock, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- (5) Total direct holdings include shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan, shares acquired through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan and shares acquired pursuant to Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Unit distributions.
- (6) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock.
- (7) Stock Options vest 100% six months from the date of the grant.
- (8) 1 -for -1

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