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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## FORM 4

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

O Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b)

1.	Person* (I	Address of Ro Last, First, Mid Γ, LAURIS N		2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OTTER TAIL CORPORATION OTTR	3.	<ul> <li>I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)</li> <li>If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</li> </ul>				
	215 S CAS	CADE ST		4.	Statement for (Month/Day/Year) April 14, 2003	5.					
		(Street)			Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)	7.	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
	FERGUS I	FALLS, MN 56	5537-2801	_	O Director O 10% Owner		X	Form filed by One Reporting Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)		X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) COO & EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT		0	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see instruction 4(b)(v).

Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)				Securities or Disposes (Instr. 3, 4 a	d of (D)		5.	Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price				
COMMON STOCK										1,100	D	(a)
COMMON STOCK										178.8981	I	(b) By ESOP
COMMON STOCK	4/14/03				A	22,000	A	\$27.245		35,145	D	(c)

# $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Table II} & \textbf{Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned} \\ & (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2.	Conversion or Exercise 3. Price of Derivative Security	Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3a.	Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4.	Transaction 5. Code (Instr. 8)	,	Securities	(A) or Disposed
							Code V		(A)	<b>(D)</b>
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)		\$19.1875								

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

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7.	Title and Ar of Underlyin (Instr. 3 and	ng Securities	8.	Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9.	Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10.	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11.	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Date Expiration Exercisable Date	l	Title	Amount or Number of Shares								
02-22-09		COMMON STOCK					5,000		D		
04-09-10		COMMON STOCK					15,000		D		
04-08-11		COMMON STOCK					50,000		D		

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- a. THE 1,100 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK ARE HELD IN  $\,$  STREET NAME  $\,$  WITH WELLS FARGO.
- b. SHARES HELD IN THE CORPORATION SEMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AS OF MARCH 10, 2003.

c. SHARES ACQUIRED AND HELD UNDER THE CORPORATION S STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN, WHICH IS A GRANT OF RESTRICTED STOCK. THE GRANT PRICE FOR 4/8/02 WAS \$31.34, VESTING 25% YEARLY. 10,725 SHARES REMAIN RESTRICTED.

c. (cont) THE 22,000 SHARES GRANTED 4/14/03 HAVE A GRANT PRICE OF \$27.245 & VEST AT 25% YEARLY, BEGINNING 4/8/04.

/s/ LAURIS N MOLBERT BY DEBRA J LILL - POA	4/14/03
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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