OTTER TAIL CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SPOLUM ROBERT N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

215 S CASCADE ST

(Street)

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
OTTER TAIL CORP [OTTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/15/2005		M		2,000	A	$ 19.75	2,000	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S		2,000	D	$ 28.5	0 (1)	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. D Der Sec (Ins
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (right to buy)	$ 19.75	08/15/2005		M			2,000	(2)	04/09/2010	Common Stock	2,000	$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPOLUM ROBERT N 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801	X			

Signatures

/s/ Robert N Spolum by Debra J Lill -POA	08/17/2005
**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) See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of 400 shares held in "street name" with Merrill Lynch. 2. Direct holding of 18,487.4205 shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. 3. Direct holding of 3,100 shares which is a grant of restricted stock. 4. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011.

(2) The options became exercisable in four equal annual installments on the anniversaries of the date of grant, beginning April 10, 2001.

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