

OTTER TAIL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MOUG KEVIN G

(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)
02/15/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
CFO & Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	02/15/2006		M	V	\$ 9,750	A	19.75	9,750	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2006		S		\$ 9,750	D	29.64	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.75	02/15/2006		M	9,750	(2) 04/09/2010	Common Stock	13,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOUG KEVIN G 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801			CFO & Treasurer	

Signatures

/s/ Kevin G Moug by Debra J Lill 02/16/2006
-POA

****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).
- See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of 792 shares that are held jointly with his wife in "street name" with US Bank. 2. Direct holding of 625.1275 shares held in the Employee Stock Purchase Plan. 3. Direct holding of 7,725 shares which is a grant of Restricted Stock. 4. Direct holding of 7,458 shares which no longer carries the restriction. 5. Indirect holding of 184.1466 shares held by ESOP. 6. Indirect holding of 11.2932 shares held by his children in custodian accounts. 7. 25,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011.
- (2) The options become exercisable in four equal annual installments on the anniversaries of the date of grant, beginning April 10, 2001.

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