

ERICKSON JOHN D  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ERICKSON JOHN D

(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)  
12/15/2009

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)  
President & CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |   |               |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------|---|---------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |       |   |               |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2009                           |  | S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>            |   | 274   | D  | \$ 23.34  | 2,126 | I | By Foundation |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2009                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 510   | D  | \$ 23.35  | 1,616 | I | By Foundation |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2009                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 100   | D  | \$ 23.36  | 1,516 | I | By Foundation |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2009                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 202   | D  | \$ 23.37  | 1,314 | I | By Foundation |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2009                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 100   | D  | \$ 23.38  | 1,214 | I | By Foundation |

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|              |            |                |        |   |            |                       |   |               |
|--------------|------------|----------------|--------|---|------------|-----------------------|---|---------------|
| Common Stock | 12/15/2009 | <u>S(2)</u>    | 142    | D | \$ 23.4    | 1,072                 | I | By Foundation |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2009 | <u>S(2)</u>    | 72     | D | \$ 23.41   | 1,000                 | I | By Foundation |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2009 | <u>S(2)</u>    | 400    | D | \$ 23.42   | 600                   | I | By Foundation |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2009 | <u>S(2)</u>    | 500    | D | \$ 23.46   | 100                   | I | By Foundation |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2009 | <u>S(2)</u>    | 100    | D | \$ 23.47   | 0                     | I | By Foundation |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | M              | 10,000 | A | \$ 19.75   | 106,852               | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(1)(3)</u> | 700    | D | \$ 23.37   | 106,152               | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 200    | D | \$ 23.38   | 105,952               | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 2,600  | D | \$ 23.4    | 103,352               | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 300    | D | \$ 23.4075 | 103,052               | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 1,000  | D | \$ 23.41   | 102,052               | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 400    | D | \$ 23.415  | 101,652               | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 300    | D | \$ 23.4175 | 101,352               | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 1,500  | D | \$ 23.42   | 99,852                | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 1,200  | D | \$ 23.43   | 98,652                | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 100    | D | \$ 23.44   | 98,552                | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 600    | D | \$ 23.45   | 97,952                | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 100    | D | \$ 23.455  | 97,852                | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 400    | D | \$ 23.46   | 97,452                | D |               |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 200    | D | \$ 23.47   | 97,252                | D |               |
|              | 12/16/2009 | <u>S(3)</u>    | 400    | D | \$ 23.48   | 96,852 <sup>(4)</sup> | D |               |

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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. 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| ERICKSON JOHN D<br>215 S CASCADE ST<br>FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John D Erickson by Debra J Lill,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/17/2009

\_\_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) All sales and gifts reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c) trading plans.
- (2)

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Trading Plan was adopted by The John and Kim Erickson Family Foundation, a non-profit charitable corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on 5/7/2008.

- (3) Trading Plan was adopted by the reporting person on 3/6/2008.
- (4) Total direct holdings include shares jointly held with spouse through Merrill Lynch and shares acquired individually pursuant to Restricted Stock Awards and Performance Award distributions.

### **Remarks:**

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