

OTTER TAIL CORP
Form 8-K
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): August 25, 2006

OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota

0-00368

41-0462685

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

215 South Cascade Street, P.O. Box 496, Fergus Falls, MN

56538-0496

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (866) 410-8780

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On August 25, 2006, Otter Tail Corporation dba Otter Tail Power Company, Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, Great River Energy, Heartland Consumers Power District, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (collectively, the Owners) entered into Amendment No. 2 to Participation Agreement, dated as of August 18, 2006 (Amendment No. 2). Amendment No. 2 amends the Participation Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2005 (the Agreement), which was previously amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Participation Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2006 (Amendment No. 1) (the Agreement, as so amended by Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2, the Amended Agreement). The Amended Agreement, which relates to the planned construction of a new 600 megawatt coal fueled, base-load electric generation plant (the Big Stone II Plant) adjacent to the existing 450 megawatt electric generation plant near Big Stone, South Dakota, is an agreement to jointly develop, finance, construct, own (as tenants in common) and manage the Big Stone II Plant and includes provisions which obligate the parties to the agreement to obtain financing and pay their share of development, construction, operating and maintenance costs for the Big Stone II Plant. The Amended Agreement establishes a Coordinating Committee and an Engineering and Operating Committee to manage the development, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the Big Stone II Plant. Amendment No. 2 (i) extends the date on which the Owners, through the Coordinating Committee, must meet to vote on whether to continue the project from a date agreed upon by all of the Owners that shall be on or before August 31, 2006 to a date agreed upon by all of the Owners that shall be on or before November 30 2006, (ii) extends the deadline for payment of the amount required under the Amended Agreement to be paid by an Owner withdrawing after continuation of the project is approved from September 30, 2006 to December 31, 2006, and (iii) adds a provision that permits early withdrawal by Owners from the project on or before September 15, 2006 under certain circumstances, and defines the rights and obligations of the parties following any such early withdrawal by one or more Owners.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

- 10.1 Amendment No. 2 to Participation Agreement, dated as of August 18, 2006, by and among Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, Great River Energy, Heartland Consumers Power District, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Otter Tail Corporation dba Otter Tail Power Company, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, as Owners, amending the Participation Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2005, by and among the Owners*

* Confidential information has been omitted from this Exhibit and filed separately with the Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request under Rule 24b-2.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

Date: August 31, 2006

By /s/ Kevin G. Moug
Kevin G. Moug
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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