

MOLBERT LAURIS N
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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 *
MOLBERT LAURIS N

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
215 S CASCADE ST

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
COO & Exec Vice Pres

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M	A	\$ 5,000	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M	A	\$ 5,590	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		S	D	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2005		M	A	\$ 14,410	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2005		S	D	\$ 0	D	

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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)	\$ 19.1875	12/12/2005		M	5,000	<u>(1)</u> 02/22/2009	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.75	12/12/2005		M	590	<u>(2)</u> 04/09/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.75	12/13/2005		M	14,410	<u>(2)</u> 04/09/2010	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOLBERT LAURIS N 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801			COO & Exec Vice Pres	

Signatures

/s/ Lauris N Molbert by Debra J Lill
-POA 12/14/2005

__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) The options become exercisable in four equal annual installments on the anniversaries of the date of grant, beginning February 23, 2000.

(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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