

KOECK GEORGE A  
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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KOECK GEORGE A**

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**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/11/2009**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Corp Secretary & Gen Counsel

**FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/11/2009		M	3,700 A (1)	16,156.4402 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/11/2009		F	1,354 D (3)	14,802.4402 (4)	D	
Common Stock					755.7428	I	ESOP

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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
Performance Rights	(5)	02/11/2009		M	3,700	(6) (7)	Common Stock	3,700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KOECK GEORGE A 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801			Corp Secretary & Gen Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/ George A Koeck by Debra J Lill,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/11/2009

\*\*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) The grant price of this award was based on fair market value at the time of the grant which was \$28.235.
- (2) Total direct holdings include shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and shares acquired pursuant to Restricted Stock Awards and Performance Award distributions.
- (3) The vesting price of this award was based on fair market value of \$18.70 per share.
- (4) Performance Award: On 2/11/09, 1,354 shares were withheld by the Corporation to pay taxes due upon vesting of this award, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- (5) This Performance Share Award had no conversion or exercise price established at the time of the grant.
- (6) There is no specific "Exercisable Date" on this Performance Share Award.
- (7) There is no specific "Expiration Date" on this Performance Share Award.
- (8)

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The grant price of this award was based on fair market value at the time of the grant which was \$28.235 and vested at a fair market value of \$18.70 per share.

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