

Otter Tail Corp  
Form 8-K  
October 15, 2012

**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): October 10, 2012

**OTTER TAIL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota                      0-53713              27-0383995  
(State or other jurisdiction) (Commission (I.R.S. Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number) 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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On October 10, 2012, Otter Tail Power Company, a Minnesota corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Otter Tail Corporation, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Northern Municipal Power Agency, a Minnesota political subdivision and municipal corporation, and NorthWestern Corporation, a Delaware corporation doing business as NorthWestern Energy (together the “Coyote Station Co-Owners”), co-owners in the Coyote Station baseload generation plant, entered into a Lignite Sales Agreement (“Agreement”) with Coyote Creek Mining Company, L.L.C. (“CCMC”), a Nevada limited liability company and subsidiary of The North American Coal Corporation (“NACoal”), a Delaware corporation. Under the Agreement, CCMC will deliver to the Coyote Station Co-Owners, and the Coyote Station Co-Owners agree to purchase and accept exclusively from CCMC, the annual fuel requirements of the Coyote Station plant (expected to be approximately 2.5 million tons), all under terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, for a period expected to begin on or about May 5, 2016 and terminating on December 31, 2040. The price per ton to be paid by the Coyote Station Co-Owners under the Agreement will reflect the cost of production, along with an agreed profit and capital charge. In addition, the Agreement provides for the Coyote Station Co-Owners to purchase the membership interests in CCMC in the event of certain early termination events and also at the end of the term of the Agreement. NACoal provides an unconditional payment and performance guaranty of CCMC’s obligations in connection with the Agreement.

**Signature**

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: October 15, 2012

By: /s/ Kevin G. Moug  
Kevin G. Moug  
Chief Financial Officer