

SPIES GARY J
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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 *
SPIES GARY J

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)
12/31/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			Disposed of (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			(A)	(D)				
Code	V							
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/31/2004	A	503.853	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	503.853

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPIES GARY J 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801	X			

Signatures

/s/ Gary J Spies by Debra J Lill
-POA

01/04/2005

__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) These are Restricted Stock Units and have no conversion or exercise price at this time.
- (2) There is no specific "Exercisable Date" on these Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) There is no specific "Expiration Date" on these Restricted Stock Units.

Restricted Stock Units of Common Stock acquired under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan at fair market value as part of the Compensation Program for Outside Directors. See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of 1,040 shares of Common Stock, 1,000 of this total are held jointly with his wife in "street name" through Piper Jaffray. 2. Direct holding of 702.5028 shares of Common Stock held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. 3. Direct holding of 2,675 shares of Common Stock which is a grant of Restricted Stock. 4. Direct holding of 825 shares of Common Stock which no longer carries the restriction. 5. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011.

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