BROWN THOMAS M

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

12/30/2005

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person BROWN THOMAS M	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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(energia an application)			
215 S CASCADE ST	(Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2005	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-280	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
(Instr. 3) any	deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired ation Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) th/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)	5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)			

Code V Amount

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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4,882 (1)

D

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(A)

(D)

Price

28.91

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other **BROWN THOMAS M** X 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

Signatures

/s/ Thomas M Brown by Debra J Lill -POA

01/04/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Shares of Common Stock acquired under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan at fair market value as part of the Compensation Program for Outside Directors. 1,000 shares of this total are held in "street name" through Piper Jaffray. See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of 3,100 shares which is a grant of Restricted Stock. 2. Direct holding of 1,700 shares which no longer carries the restriction. 3. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/9/2010. 4. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011.

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