

Otter Tail Corp
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FORM 4

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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 *
KNUTSON PAUL L

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

FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Otter Tail Corp [OTTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/08/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP of Human Resources

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2017 | | F(1) | 118 D | \$ 38.075 | 3,292.5038 (2) | D |

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)

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| 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | | | | | 02/06/2016 ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 450 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | | | | | 02/06/2017 ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 825 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | | | | | 02/06/2018 ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁶⁾ | Common Stock | 800 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | | | | | 02/06/2020 02/06/2020 | Common Stock | 6,400 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KNUTSON PAUL L 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801 | | | VP of Human Resources | |

Signatures

/s/ Paul L Knutson by Ella J Leapaltd 04/11/2017

**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) Grant of Restricted Stock. On 4/8/2017, 118 shares of Common Stock were withheld by the Corporation to pay taxes due upon vesting of restricted stock, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- (2)

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Total direct holdings include shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan, shares acquired pursuant to Restricted Stock Award distributions and Performance Share Awards.

- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Otter Tail Corporation stock.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning February 6, 2016.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning February 6, 2017.
- (6) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning February 6, 2018.

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