

OTTER TAIL CORP
Form 8-K
July 13, 2004

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**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): July 12, 2004

OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Minnesota (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 0-00368 (Commission File Number) | 41-0462685 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| 215 South Cascade Street, P.O. Box 496, Fergus Falls, MN (Address of principal executive offices) | 56538-0496 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (866) 410-8780

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 12, 2004 Otter Tail Corporation issued a press release announcing that a non-binding letter of intent has been signed and negotiations are underway for the purchase of Idaho Pacific Holdings. A copy of this press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

Date: July 13, 2004

OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

By/s/ Kevin G. Moug

Kevin G. Moug
Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer

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| Exhibit | Description of Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Press release, dated July 12, 2004 |