OTTER TAIL CORP Form 8-K February 07, 2006

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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): February 6, 2006 OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota 0-00368 41-0462685
(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, 56538-0496

MN

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (866) 410-8780

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 6, 2006, Otter Tail Corporation issued a press release announcing 2005 earnings, an increase in the indicated dividend for 2006 and 2006 earnings guidance, a copy of which is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued February 6, 2006

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: February 7, 2006

By /s/ Kevin G. Moug

Kevin G. Moug Chief Financial Officer

and Treasurer

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Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press release, dated February 6, 2006

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