

OTTER TAIL CORP
Form 8-K
August 25, 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): August 22, 2006

OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota

0-00368

41-0462685

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

215 South Cascade Street, P.O. Box 496, Fergus Falls, MN

56538-0496

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On August 22, 2006, final signatures were obtained on Amendment No. 1 to Joint Facilities Agreement dated and effective July 13, 2006, by and among Otter Tail Corporation dba Otter Tail Power Company, Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, Great River Energy, Heartland Consumers Power District, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (each individually a Party or Owner and, collectively, the Parties or Owners), amending the 2005 Joint Facilities Agreement, dated June 30, 2005, by and among the Owners. The 2005 Joint Facilities Agreement, which relates to the planned construction of a new 600 megawatt coal fueled, base-load electric generation plant (the Big Stone II Plant) adjacent to the existing 450 megawatt electric generation plant (the Big Stone I Plant) near Big Stone, South Dakota, is an agreement to share the use of certain facilities currently in place at the Big Stone I Plant and certain facilities planned in construction of the Big Stone II Plant. The 2005 Joint Facilities Agreement establishes the Owners joint facility casualty loss and insurance requirements and liability under Article XI and Article XII. Amendment No. 1 to Joint Facilities Agreement adds language to Article XI of the 2005 Joint Facilities Agreement regarding the waiver and release of liability by each of the Big Stone I Plant owners and the Big Stone II Plant owners to the other for insured property damage and adds Sections 12.03 Waiver and Release of Liability for Insured Property Damage and 12.04 Right to Purchase Extra Expense Replacement Power Insurance to Article XII of the 2005 Joint Facilities Agreement.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

- 10.1 Amendment No. 1 to Joint Facilities Agreement, dated July 13, 2006, by and among Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, Great River Energy, Heartland Consumers Power District, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy, Otter Tail Corporation dba Otter Tail Power Company, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, as Owners, amending the 2005 Joint Facilities Agreement, dated June 30, 2005, by and among the Owners

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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: August 25, 2006

By /s/ Kevin G. Moug
Kevin G. Moug
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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