

Otter Tail Corp  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2017  
**UNITED STATES**

**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): December 19, 2017

**OTTER TAIL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota	0-53713	27-0383995
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

215 South Cascade Street, P.O. Box 496, 56538-0496  
Fergus Falls, MN  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

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Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(c) On December 19, 2017, the Board of Directors of Otter Tail Corporation (the “Company”) appointed Jennifer Smestad to the position of Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Company, effective January 1, 2018. Ms. Smestad, 47, joined the Company on May 14, 2001 and has served in various legal capacities of increasing responsibility at the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Otter Tail Power Company. She most recently served as General Counsel for Otter Tail Power Company from March 1, 2013 to the present.

**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: December 19, 2017

OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

By: */s/ George A. Koeck*  
Name: George A. Koeck  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel &  
Corporate Secretary