

HILDESTAD TERRY D
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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 *
HILDESTAD TERRY D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC [MDU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC., P. O. BOX 5650
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and COO

BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 02/16/2006 | | A | V Amount (D) Price 4,570 A \$ 0 | 48,307 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2006 | | F | 2,462 D \$ 34.65 | 45,845 | D | |
| Common Stock - (401-k) | | | | | 22,470.38 | I | By Trustee |
| Common Stock - (ESOP) | | | | | 7,895.91 | I | By Trustee |
| Common Stock-Restricted Stock | | | | | 2,475 | I | By Trustee |

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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)

| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Empl. Stock Opt. (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.8267 | | | | | 02/12/2004 02/15/2011 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 45,997 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HILDESTAD TERRY D MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650 | | | President and COO | |

Signatures

Terry D
Hildestad 02/21/2006

**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).
- These options were originally exercisable 2/15/2010, but vesting of 3,683 was accelerated to 2/12/04 upon attainment of certain performance goals. The balance of 45,997 options will vest on 2/15/2010, but vesting of some or all of these 45,997 may be accelerated depending on attainment of certain performance goals.

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