

MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC

Form 4

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RAILE VERNON A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

MDU RESOURCES GROUP,
INC., P. O. BOX 5650

(Street)

BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/03/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Acctg.Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		100	D	\$ 30.91	30,582.6605	D
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		1,600	D	\$ 30.93	28,982.6605	D
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		3,300	D	\$ 30.94	25,682.6605	D
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		200	D	\$ 30.95	25,482.6605	D
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		1,167	D	\$ 30.96	24,315.6605	D

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Common Stock - (401-k)	10,311.175	I	By Trustee
Common Stock - (ESOP)	1,079.191	I	By Trustee
Common Stock-Restricted Stock	2,468	I	By Trustee

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
RAILE VERNON A MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650	SVP & Chief Acctg.Off.

Signatures

Vernon A Raile 08/05/2005

__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).

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