

MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC
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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 *
EVERIST THOMAS S

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/30/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)

BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650

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

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 24,975 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,610,000 | I | By Corporation |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number Shares |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/30/2005 ⁽²⁾ | | A | 394.336 | ⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock 394.33 |
| Stock Option | \$ 14.4167 | | | | | 05/12/2000 05/13/2010 | Common Stock 3,375 |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.3889 | | | | | 06/03/1998 06/04/2008 | Common Stock 3,375 |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.5417 | | | | | 06/03/1999 06/04/2009 | Common Stock 3,375 |
| Stock Option | \$ 19.5433 | | | | | 05/16/2002 05/16/2012 | Common Stock 4,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 25.7 | | | | | 05/17/2001 05/17/2011 | Common Stock 4,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EVERIST THOMAS S MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650 | | X | | |

Signatures

Debra S. Anderson, Power of Attorney 09/30/2005

**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).
- (2) Phantom Stock units include units that were accrued through dividends under the Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors.
- (3) Units are to be settled in cash after reporting person's retirement.
- (1) 1 for 1

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