

WOOD ROBERT E  
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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 \*  
WOOD ROBERT E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
SVP-Gov.& PA

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/17/2005

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

(Street)

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

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 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650

(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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	02/17/2005		A	V	973	A	\$ 0	4,519	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005		F		355	D	\$ 27.68	4,164	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005		F		411	D	\$ 27.68	3,753	D	
Common Stock - (401-k)								8,012.859	I	By Trustee
Common Stock - (ESOP)								7,680.99	I	By Trustee

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Empl. Stock Opt. (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.0833			Code V	(A) (D)	02/10/2007 02/10/2008	Common Stock	9,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WOOD ROBERT E MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650			SVP-Gov.& PA	

Signatures

Robert E Wood 02/22/2005  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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