

MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2011

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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) October 17, 2011

MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-3480 (Commission File Number)	41-0423660 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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1200 West Century Avenue  
P.O. Box 5650  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5650  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (701) 530-1000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- q Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - q Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition and  
Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 17, 2011, MDU Resources Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing preliminary third quarter 2011 results and updated earnings guidance. A copy of the press release, which the Company is furnishing to the Securities and Exchange Commission, is attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99 Press release issued October 17, 2011, announcing preliminary third quarter 2011 results and updated earnings guidance.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.

Date October 17, 2011

By /s/ Nicole A. Kivisto  
Nicole A. Kivisto  
Vice President, Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Description of Exhibit

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