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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) SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE 1-3480 (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION (COMMISSION OF INCORPORATION) FILE NUMBER)

41-0423660 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

SCHUCHART BUILDING 918 EAST DIVIDE 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) 222-7900

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On September 19, 2005, MDU Resources Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing an increase in earnings per share guidance for 2005. A copy of the press release, which the Company is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, is attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99 Press Release issued September 19, 2005, regarding an increase in earnings per share guidance for 2005.

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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 September 19, 2005

BY /s/ Warren L. Robinson

Warren L. Robinson Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number

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Description of Exhibit

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