

PEARCE HARRY J
Form 4
January 03, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PEARCE HARRY J

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2005

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

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 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 | 12/30/2005 | | A | | 2,784 | A | \$ 32.859 |
| | | | | | | | 79,285 |
| | | | | | | | D |

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)

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| 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 or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | (1) (1) | Common Stock 26,498.711 |
| 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 |
| PEARCE HARRY J MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650 | X |

Signatures

Debra S. Anderson, Power of Attorney 01/03/2006

__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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(1) Units are to be settled in cash after reporting person's retirement.

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