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Check t if no lor subject Section Form 4 Form 5 obligati	nger to 16. or Filed pu	Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section									
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(Print or Type	Responses)										
	Address of Reporting THOMAS S	g Person <u>*</u>	Symbol	er Name an				5. Relationship Issuer	of Reporting 1	Person(s) to	
			MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC [MDU]					(Check all applicable)			
MDU RESOURCES GROUP, (Month/I 02/17/2			of Earliest 7 Day/Year) 2006	Fransactior	1		X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
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	CK, ND 58506-56							Person		1 0	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	irities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefi	cially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Data (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, Amount	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)	
Common Stock								3,825	D		
Common Stock	02/17/2006			S	9,200	D	\$ 34.9	2,384,000	I	By Corporation	
Common Stock	02/17/2006			S	1,400	D	\$ 34.92	2,382,600	Ι	By Corporation	
Common Stock	02/17/2006			S	1,700	D	\$ 34.94	2,380,900	Ι	By Corporation	
Common Stock	02/17/2006			S	2,500	D	\$ 34.95	2,378,400	Ι	By Corporation	

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Common	02/17/2006	S	400	D	\$ 34.98	2,378,000	Ι	By
Stock					54.98			Corporation
Common Stock	02/17/2006	S	3,900	D	\$ 34.99	2,374,100	Ι	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/17/2006	S	900	D	\$ 35	2,373,200	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/17/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 35.02	2,368,200	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/17/2006	S	4,100	D	\$ 35.23	2,364,100	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/17/2006	S	900	D	\$ 35.24	2,363,200	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/17/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 35.25	2,358,200	Ι	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/17/2006	S	4,000	D	\$ 35.29	2,354,200	Ι	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. 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					<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	16,116.533
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
	\$ 15.5417					06/03/1999	06/04/2009		3,375

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Stock Option			Common Stock	
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	Х						
Signatures							
Debra S. Anderson, Power of Attorney	02	2/21/2006					
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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

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