EVERIST THOMAS S

Form 4

February 23, 2006

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **EVERIST THOMAS S**

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[MDU]

_X__ Director 10% Owner

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2006

below)

Issuer

Officer (give title Other (specify

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	-Derivative	Secu	rities Acq	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock							3,825	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2006		S	5,000	D	\$ 35.55	2,319,100	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006		S	14,100	D	\$ 35.6	2,305,000	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006		S	200	D	\$ 35.61	2,304,800	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006		S	300	D	\$ 35.62	2,304,500	I	By Corporation

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Common Stock	02/22/2006	S	4,200	D	\$ 35.63	2,300,300	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006	S	600	D	\$ 35.64	2,299,700	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006	S	400	D	\$ 35.65	2,299,300	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 35.66	2,297,600	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006	S	700	D	\$ 35.67	2,296,900	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006	S	300	D	\$ 35.68	2,296,600	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006	S	6,200	D	\$ 35.69	2,290,400	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006	S	1,300	D	\$ 35.7	2,289,100	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/22/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 35.75	2,284,100	I	By Corporation
Common Stock	02/23/2006	S	4,100	D	\$ 35.7	2,280,000	I	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				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
	\$ 14.4167					05/12/2000	05/13/2010		3,375

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Stock Option		Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$ 15.3889	06/03/1998 06/04/2008 Common Stock 3,3°	75
Stock Option	\$ 15.5417	06/03/1999 06/04/2009 Common Stock 3,3°	75
Stock Option	\$ 19.5433	05/16/2002 05/16/2012 Common Stock 4,50	00
Stock Option	\$ 25.7	05/17/2001 05/17/2011 Common Stock 4,50	00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
EVERIST THOMAS S MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650	X					

Signatures

Debra S. Anderson, Power of Attorney 02/23/2006

**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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