# 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 20, 2010 (October 15, 2010)

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

Delaware 1-3480 41-0423660 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

incorporation)

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:

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- q Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 20, 2010, MDU Resources Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing a third quarter charge for an arbitration award. 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.

(d) Exhibits

99 Press release issued October 20, 2010, regarding third quarter charge for arbitration award.

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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 October 20, 2010

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

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

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