

NANCE ROBERT L

Form 4

August 12, 2005

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 *
NANCE ROBERT L

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)
08/12/2005

☒ 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)
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☐ 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 (A) 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	08/12/2005		P		2,000	A \$ 29.69	42,823.887 D
Common Stock						4,500	I By Ronan, Inc.
Common Stock	08/12/2005		P		200	A \$ 29.67	2,159.297 I By wife

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. 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 21,947.292
Stock Option	\$ 10.9167					06/03/1997 06/04/2007	Common Stock 3,375
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
Stock Option	\$ 15.5417					06/03/1999 06/04/2009	Common Stock 3,375
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
NANCE ROBERT L MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650	X

Signatures

Debra S. Anderson, Power of Attorney 08/12/2005

__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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