

HILDESTAD TERRY D
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HILDESTAD TERRY D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC
 [MDU]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO, Knife River

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**KNIFE RIVER
 CORPORATION, 1915 NORTH
 KAVANEY DRIVE**
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2005

BISMARCK, ND 58501
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	Price		
Common Stock	02/23/2005		M		3,683	\$ 19.8267	43,970 D	
Common Stock	02/23/2005		S		500	\$ 27.22	43,470 D	
Common Stock	02/23/2005		S		3,183	\$ 27.24	40,287 D	
Common Stock - (401-k)	02/23/2005		I		9,112.2185	\$ 27.09	21,762.5025 I	By Trustee
Common Stock - (ESOP)							7,723.92 I	By Trustee

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- These options were originally exercisable 2/15/2010, but vesting of 3,683 was accelerated to 2/12/04 upon attainment of certain
- (1) performance goals. The balance of 45,997 options will vest on 2/15/2010, but vesting of some or all of these 45,997 may be accelerated depending on attainment of certain performance goals.

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