

SPLICHAL DARYL A
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FORM 4

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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 *
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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)
 02/17/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Treasurer

BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/17/2005		A	726	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005		F	274	\$ 27.68	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005		F	265	\$ 27.68	D	
Common Stock					1,062	I	By Trustee
Common Stock -					15,126.069	I	By Trustee

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Common Stock	31.084	I	By wife
Common Stock	55.214	I	Custodian

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Empl. Stock Opt. (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.8067					02/14/2001 03/02/2008	Common Stock	225
Empl. Stock Opt. (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.8267					02/12/2004 02/14/2011	Common Stock	300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPLICHAL DARYL A MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650			Treasurer	

Signatures

Debra S.
Anderson

02/22/2005

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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