

NANCE ROBERT L  
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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 \*  
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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/12/2005

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

(Street)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
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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