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See Instruction

(Print or Type I	Responses)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Imsdahl Bruce T			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC [MDU]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	ONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES O., 400 NORTH FOURTH		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2006	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specification) below) President & CEO, MontDakota			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
BISMARCK, ND 58501				Form filed by More than One Reporting			

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(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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported (I)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/16/2006		A	1,175	A	\$0	9,743	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2006		F	984	D	\$ 34.65	8,759	D	
Common Stock - (401-k)							15,043.211	I	By Trustee
Common Stock - (ESOP)							8,789.909	I	By Trustee
Common Stock-Restricted							990	I	By Trustee

Stock

Imsdahl Common Stock 15,896.49 I Family Trust

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	Derivative			
	Derivative				Securities	3			
	Security				Acquired				
					(A) or				
					Disposed				
					of (D)				
					(Instr. 3,				
					4, and 5)				
									Amount
						D-4-	Fiti		Amount
						Date	Expiration	Title	or Normalian
				C-1- V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date		Number
				Code V	(A) (D)				of Shares

Stock

buy)

Options \$ 19.8267 (Right to

02/15/2010 02/15/2011

President &

Mont.-Dakota

CEO.

Relationships

Common Stock

17,264

8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Officer Director 10% Owner Other

Imsdahl Bruce T MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. 400 NORTH FOURTH STREET BISMARCK, ND 58501

Signatures

Bruce T. 02/21/2006 Imsdahl

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Reporting Owners 2

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) These options were exercisable 2/15/2010. Vesting was accelerated for all options except for 17,264. The balance of the 17,264 will vest on 2/15/2010, but vesting of some or all of these 17,264 may be accelerated depending on attainment of certain performance goals.

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