

HILDESTAD TERRY D
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and CEO, Knife River

KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION, 1915 NORTH KAVANEY DRIVE

(Street)

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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BISMARCK, ND 58501

(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)
Common Stock	02/17/2005		A	V Amount \$ 0	42,984	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005		F	1,559 D \$ 27.68	41,425	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005		F	1,138 D \$ 27.68	40,287	D	
Common Stock - (401-k)					30,874.721	I	By Trustee
Common Stock - (ESOP)					7,723.92	I	By Trustee

Common Stock-Restricted Stock 5,925 I By Trustee

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
Empl. Stock Opt.(Right to Buy)	\$ 19.8267					02/15/2010	02/15/2011 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock	49,680

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HILDESTAD TERRY D KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION 1915 NORTH KAVANEY DRIVE BISMARCK, ND 58501			President and CEO, Knife River	

Signatures

Terry D Hildestad 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).

** 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 originally exercisable 2/15/2010, but vesting of 3,683 was accelerated to 2/12/04 upon attainment of certain 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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