

MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Stumpf John P (Last) (First) (Middle)  MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC., P. O. BOX 5650 (Street)  BISMARCK, ND 58606-5650 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC [MDU]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP - Strategic Planning	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,064.561	D	À
Common Stock - (401-k)	8,330.787	I	By Trustee
Common Stock	869.968	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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(Instr. 4)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
Stock Options (Right to buy)	02/15/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/15/2011	Common Stock	5,442	\$ 16.1956	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stumpf John P MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58606-5650	Â	Â	Â VP - Strategic Planning	Â

## Signatures

John P. Stumpf                      12/05/2006

\_\_Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 will vest on 2/15/2010, but vesting of some or all of these 5,442 may be accelerated depending on attainment of certain performance goals.

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