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Form 8-K
May 27, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 27, 2005

MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State of Incorporation) | 1-3480 (Commission File Number) | 41-0423660 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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Schuchart Building
918 East Divide Avenue
P.O. Box 5650
Bismarck, North Dakota
58506-5650
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (701) 222-7900

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

In anticipation of meetings with members of the investment community, MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("MDU") has reaffirmed, as of May 27, 2005, its prior guidance, set forth in MDU's March 31, 2005 Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Form 10-Q"), that earnings per common share for 2005, diluted, are projected in the

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range of \$1.80 to \$2.00. This reaffirmation is based upon the key strategies, projections and assumptions set forth in the Form 10-Q under the heading "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Prospective Information", with respect to which there have been no material changes since the filing of the Form 10-Q and which are incorporated herein by reference.

The foregoing earnings per share guidance for 2005 constitutes a forward-looking statement on behalf of MDU, within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Although MDU believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, actual results may differ materially. For a discussion of the important factors that could cause actual results to differ from those indicated by its current earnings guidance, reference is made to the sections entitled "Introduction" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Risk Factors and Cautionary Statements that May Affect Future Results" in the Form 10-Q, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 27, 2005

MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Warren L. Robinson

Warren L. Robinson
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer