LEWIS RICHARD H

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Middle)

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LEWIS RICHARD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

Symbol

MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC

(Check all applicable)

[MDU]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC., P. O. BOX 5650

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

12/31/2008

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(A)

or

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common

Stock

12,150 D

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ionDerivative 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)	12/31/2008(2)		A	763.781		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	763.781

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LEWIS RICHARD H MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650	X						

Signatures

Debra S. Anderson, Power of Attorney 12/31/2008

**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)** 1 for 1
- (2) Phantom Stock units include units that were accrued through dividends under the Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors.
- (3) Units are to be settled in cash after reporting person's retirement.

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