

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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Schneider William E</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION,Â 1915 NORTH KAVANEY DRIVE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>BISMARCK,Â NDÂ 58501-1698</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>05/01/2005</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC [MDU]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)                  President and CEO, Knife River</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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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	32,968	D	Â
Common Stock-Restricted Stock	4,740	I	By Trustee

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
			Title				
Empl. Stock Opt. (Right to Buy)	02/15/2010	02/15/2011	Common Stock	38,010	\$ 19.8267	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schneider William E KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION 1915 NORTH KAVANEY DRIVE BISMARCK, ND 58501-1698	Â	Â	Â President and CEO, Knife River	Â

## Signatures

William E. Schneider 05/05/2005

Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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