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Form 8-K  
September 24, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
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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) September 24, 2004

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

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| Delaware<br>(State of Incorporation) | 1-3480<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 41-0423660<br>(IRS Employer<br>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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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

On September 24, 2004, Ronald D. Tipton announced his intention to retire and resign from his positions as Chief Executive Officer of Montana-Dakota

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Utilities Co. ("Montana-Dakota") and Great Plains Natural Gas Co. ("Great Plains"), both of which are public utility divisions of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (the "Company"), and as a director and/or officer of various of the Company's subsidiaries, effective September 28, 2004. Mr. Tipton will continue to be employed by Montana-Dakota as a Special Projects Advisor until January 2005.

Bruce T. Imsdahl, as President of both Montana-Dakota and Great Plains, will continue to manage the day-to-day operations of those divisions.

### 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: September 24, 2004

MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Vernon A. Raile

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Vernon A. Raile  
Senior Vice President  
and Chief Accounting Officer