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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Requiring Statement MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC [MDU] Kivisto Nicole A (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) MDU RESOURCES GROUP, (Check all applicable) INC., P. O. BOX 5650 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X_ Officer _ Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Controller Person BISMARCK, Â NDÂ 58506-5650 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) I Common Stock - (401-k) By Trustee 1,138.978 Common Stock 66.075 I Custodian Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. 5. Conversion Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	Ownership (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Empl.Stock Opt.(Right to Buy)	02/12/2004	02/14/2011	Common Stock	300	\$ 19.83	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kivisto Nicole A

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

BISMARCK, NDÂ 58506-5650

Signatures

Nicole A.
Kivisto

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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