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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) October 19, 2004

MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-3480 41-0423660 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 19, 2004, MDU Resources Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing third quarter 2004 earnings. The Company is furnishing the press release to the Securities and Exchange Commission as Exhibit 99.

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.

MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.

Date October 19, 2004 BY

Y /s/ Vernon A. Raile
Vernon A. Raile
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit

99 Press release issued October 19, 2004, regarding earnings for the third quarter.