

MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC
Form 8-K
July 10, 2006

**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) July 10, 2006 (July 8, 2006)

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

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

1200 West Century 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) 530-1000

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- q** **Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))**

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On July 9, 2006, MDU Resources Group, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement to acquire Cascade Natural Gas Corp. (Cascade) subject to the approval of Cascade’s shareholders and various regulatory authorities, as well as antitrust clearance under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act, and the satisfaction of other customary closing conditions. A copy of the press release is incorporated by reference herein and is attached as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

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Press release issued July 9, 2006.

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 July 10, 2006

By /s/ Doran N. Schwartz
Doran N. Schwartz
Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number

Description of Exhibit

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Press release issued July 9, 2006.