MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC

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1(b).

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Stock

Common

Stock-Restricted

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** CASTLEBERRY JOHN K | | | Symbol | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|--|--------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| | | | [MDU] | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| | ` , , | First) (Middle | (Month/Day/Ye | | n | | _X_ | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | | |
| | WBI HOLDINGS WEST CENTUR | | 05/17/2005 | 05/17/2005 | | | | Pres. & CEO of WBI Hold., Inc. | | | | |
| | (S | Street) | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | Applic | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| BISMARCK, ND 58503 | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | (City) (S | State) (Zip) | Table I - N | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
| | 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit (A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4 | sposed | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | Common Stock | 05/17/2005 | | S | 14,174 | D | \$ 27.75 | 13,029.94 | D | | | |
| | Common Stock - (401-k) | | | | | | | 21,672.941 | I | By Trustee | | |
| | Common Stock - (FSOP) | | | | | | | 355.231 | I | By Trustee | | |

Trustee

Trustee

By

4,740

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transact | ionNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | Securi | ities | (Instr. 5) |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | |
| | • | | | | (A) or | | | | | |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | | |
| | | | | | | | | | of | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CASTLEBERRY JOHN K WBI HOLDINGS, INC. 1250 WEST CENTURY AVENUE BISMARCK, ND 58503

Pres. & CEO of WBI Hold., Inc.

Signatures

Debra S. Anderson, Power of Attorney 05/18/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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