

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition and
Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On April 24, 2006, MDU Resources Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing first quarter 2006 earnings. A copy of the press release, which the Company is furnishing to the Securities and Exchange Commission, is attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99 Press Release issued April 24, 2006, regarding earnings for the first quarter.

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 April 24, 2006

By /s/ Doran N. Schwartz

Doran N. Schwartz

Vice President and

Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Description of Exhibit

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