# 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) March 16, 2009

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

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

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 8.01. Other Events.

On March 16, 2009, MDU Resources Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing an updated 2009 capital expenditure budget. A copy of the press release, which the Company is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, is attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99 Press release issued March 16, 2009, regarding an updated 2009 capital expenditure budget.

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### **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 March 16, 2009

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

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# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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