

Gatzemeier Paul
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Gatzemeier Paul

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC
 [MDU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO, Cent. Energy

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 CENTENNIAL ENERGY
 HOLDINGS, INC., 1930 BURNT
 BOAT DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2005

BISMARCK, ND 58503
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	02/17/2005		A		2,476	A	\$ 0	5,534.888	D	
Common Stock								170.172	I	By Spouse
Common Stock - (401-k)								3,331.357	I	By Trustee

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

