

MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
February 06, 2008

**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) February 6, 2008 (January 31, 2008)**

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

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | <b>1-3480</b><br>(Commission File Number) | <b>41-0423660</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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**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 Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)**
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- q Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))**
- q Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))**

**Item Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

**Item Other Events.**

**8.01.**

MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s (Company) indirect wholly owned subsidiary, Fidelity Exploration & Production Company, completed the acquisition of natural gas properties located in Rusk County, Texas on January 31, 2008 from EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund IX, L.P., EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund IX-WI, L.P. (EnerVest, Ltd. is the general partner of both funds), and EverStar Energy, LLC. The purchase price was approximately \$235 million, financed partially with approximately \$130 million of debt issued under Centennial Energy Holdings, Inc.'s, a direct wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, commercial paper program at rates of interest approximating 3.65%. The remainder of the purchase price was financed with available cash.

**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 February 6, 2008

By /s/ Doran N. Schwartz

Doran N. Schwartz

Vice President and

Chief Accounting Officer