

MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC

Form 8-K

March 05, 2009

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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 5, 2009 (February 27, 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
incorporation)		Identification No.)

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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Item 2.04. Triggering Events That Accelerate or Increase a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement.

As has previously been disclosed, Centennial Energy Holdings, Inc. (“Centennial”) guaranteed Colorado Energy Management, LLC’s (“CEM”) obligations under a contract with Lea Power Partners, LLC (“LPP”) for the construction of an electric generating facility near Hobbs, New Mexico. CEM declared substantial completion of the plant on February 16, 2009, and on February 27, 2009, Centennial received a Notice and Demand from LPP under the guaranty agreement alleging that CEM did not meet certain of its obligations under the construction contract and demanding that Centennial indemnify LPP against all losses, damages, claims, costs, charges and expenses arising from CEM’s alleged failures. LPP did not quantify the amount of indemnification being sought, which could be material. Centennial believes that the indemnification claims are without merit and intends to vigorously defend against such claims.

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 5, 2009

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

