

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-7010

April 15, 2009

Mr. Vernon A. Raile Chief Financial Officer MDU Resources Group, Inc. 1200 West Century Avenue Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5650

Re: MDU Resources Group, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Filed February 13, 2009

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Dear Mr. Raile:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

H. Roger Schwall Assistant Director