

EXHIBIT 6
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Interim Report on Pension Benefits as Required Under SFAS 132 (Revised 2003)

The Company has noncontributory defined-benefit pension plans for certain eligible employees. Components of net periodic benefit cost (income) for the Company's pension were as follows:

Three Months Ended March 31 (\$ in thousands)	2004	2003
Components of net periodic benefit costs (income):		
Service costs	\$1,849	\$1,432
Interest cost	3,941	3,794
Expected return on assets	(5,087)	(5,225)
Amortization of prior service costs	278	285
Recognized net actuarial (gain) loss	247	(68)
Amortization of net transition obligations (assets)	(63)	(237)
Net periodic benefit costs (income)	1,165	(19)
Less amount capitalized	74	(11)
Net periodic benefit costs (income)	\$1,091	(\$8)

As of March 31, 2004, approximately \$400,000 has been contributed to the defined-benefit pension plans. The Company presently anticipates contributing an additional \$1.2 million to its pension plans in 2004 for a total of \$1.6 million for the year.