FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HOWARD JOHN R				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [ BKH ]					(Che	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	`	irst)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (06/01/2006				action (Month/	Day/Year)				(give title	Other below	(specify
(Street) RAPID (			577011400 (Zip)	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X 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. Transa Date		. Transactio	2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5)		l (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Fo Beneficially (D)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
1. Title of Derivative Conversion Or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea	e, Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction (Instr. 4)	n(s)	
Phantom Stock Unit	(1)	06/01/2006		A		206.9169		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	0.0000	\$33.83	9,066.58	3 I	By Trust
Phantom Stock Unit	(1)	06/01/2006		A		87.7067		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	0.0000	\$34.1133	9,154.286	57 I	By Trust

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1 for 1 Conversion Ratio
- 2. Derivative Security is exercisable upon retirement under terms of the agreement
- 3. Derivative Security expires upon retirement under terms of the agreement

By: Lorna G. Zacher, by power of attorney

06/01/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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