## FORM 4

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

Washington, D.	.C. 20549
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STATEMENT OF (	CHANGES IN BENEFI	ICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  RUSSELL COHEN /BH/						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [ BKH ]										all app Direc	olicable) ctor	100	Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner		
(Last)	-	rst) (	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2006														ther (specify elow) k	
(Street) RAPID C			5770914( Zip)	00	4. If	Amei	ndment	, Date o	of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person					
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, o	r Bei	nefic	ially	Owne	ed				
Date							2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disp		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				4 and 5) Sec Ben Owr		cially d Following	6. Ownershi Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	of I Ber Ow	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	e:e	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Ins	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 12				12/31	1/2005				J	v	308.33	6	A		(1)	11,643.436		D			
Common Stock 0:				01/06	01/06/2006				A		2,184		A		(2)		827.436	D			
Common Stock 01/06				2006			F		321.342		D	\$3	5.49	13,506.094		D					
Common Stock																	564	I	By	y Trust	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares acquired through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan
- 2. Restricted Stock Grant to employee under the Company's Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.

## Remarks:

By: Roxann R. Basham, by power of attorney

01/10/2006

\*\* 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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