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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Vering John B</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]										ip of Reporting Pers plicable) ctor		erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last)	`	rst) (I	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2006									Office belov	er (give title v)		Other below)	(specify
(Street) RAPID (57709 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	Form	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable m filed by One Reporting Person m filed by More than One Reporting son			
		Tabl	e I - No	on-Deriv	ative/	Sec	uritie	es Ac	quirec	l, Di	sposed o	f, or E	enefic	ially (Owne	ed			
Date		2. Transac Date (Month/Da		Execution Date,		Date,	3. 4. Securitie Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				nd 5) Secur Benef Owne		icially d Following	Form:	Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount	(A) 01 (D)	Price			action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 05/03			05/03/	2006	006		I		32.051	A	\$36.	3999 2,344.7		44.7945]	D			
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Dee Executi if any (Month/			saction e (Instr. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		vative urities uired or osed) r. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. : and 4) Amount or Number of Title Shares		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ow For Dir or I (I) (nership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

By: Roxann R. Basham For: John B. Vering

Date

05/05/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

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