FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MATTERN JAMES M						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]									ck all app Dired	ctor		10% (Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) PO BOX 1400						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/23/2004								X	belov	,	Other (below) ministration			
(Street) RAPID CITY SD 577091400 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le) 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. Transacti Date (Month/Day)						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a 5)			and Securit Benefic Owned		es ially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o	Price)	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 04/23/20						004		F		135.88	D	\$30).78	9,3	329.68		D			
Common Stock																30		I	By Immediate Family	
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)	e Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transa Code (8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expiration Date			7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying	t		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	y [C	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

Explanation of Responses:

By: Roxann R. Basham (POA on File)

04/26/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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