
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 11, 2012

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Dakota

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-31303

(Commission File Number)

46-0458824

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**625 Ninth Street, PO Box 1400
Rapid City, South Dakota**
(Address of principal executive offices)

57709-1400

(Zip Code)

605.721.1700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 11, 2012, the registrant's Board of Directors set April 23, 2013, as the date for the 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. This date is approximately one month earlier than in past years. Shareholders intending to present proposals or director nominations at our 2013 Annual Meeting, but not for inclusion in our proxy materials, must provide written notice and the proper materials to our Corporate Secretary by January 23, 2013, in accordance with Article I, Section 9 of our Bylaws.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Steven J. Helmers

Steven J. Helmers
Senior Vice President
and General Counsel

Date: December 12, 2012