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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	ss of Reporting Perso I GARNER M	n*	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/</u> [ BKH ]	(Check	tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director Officer (give title	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify	
(Last) PO BOX 1400	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2009	X	below) VP-Treasurer & Chief	below)	
(Street) RAPID CITY	SD	57709-1400	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing ( Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than C Person	ing Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities / Disposed Of (			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock	12/07/2009		М		333	A	\$22.4375	13,178.413	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2009		М		333	A	\$22.4375	13,511.413	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2009		М		334	A	\$22.4375	13,845.413	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2009		<b>F</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		894.994	D	\$25.07	12,950.419	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2009		F <sup>(2)</sup>		27.774	D	\$25.07	12,922.645	D	

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (D	r osed ) r. 3, 4	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		e 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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option (Right to Buy)	\$22.4375	12/07/2009		М			333	12/07/2000	12/07/2009	Common Stock	333	\$22.4375	0	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$22.4375	12/07/2009		М			333	12/07/2001	12/07/2009	Common Stock	333	\$22.4375	0	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$22.4375	12/07/2009		М			334	12/07/2002	12/07/2009	Common Stock	334	\$22.4375	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares used to pay for exercise price of stock option per notice provided to the Company on December 7, 2009.

2. Shares used to pay tax withholding.

#### Roxann R. Basham, as power

of attorney

12/09/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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