FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D	.C. 20549	
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person THIES MARK T					BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]										Check	all app	p of Reportin blicable) ctor er (give title	ig Per	10% C	wner	
(Last)	,	(First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2004										X	belov	v) ``	Presi	Other (specify below) resident & CFO		
(Street) RAPID C			57709140 Zip)	0	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									. Indiv ine) X						
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ar) i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securi Disposed 5)		ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			4 and Secur Benef		cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
							Code	v	Amount	(1	A) or O)	Price	•	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(11341.4)			
Common		03/02	2/2004				A		625		A	\$3	1.1	1 625			I	By Trust			
Common Stock															17,014.17		,014.17		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)	Derivative Conversion Date Ex Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if a				4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		ı of i		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)					tive derivative ty Securities		0. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code V		(A)				Expiration Date	Amo or Num of Title Shar									

Explanation of Responses:

By: Roxann R. Basham by power of attorney

03/03/2004

** 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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