FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  NEWLIN STEPHEN D							2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [ BKH ]									of Reporting cable) or	f Reporting Person(s) to Issuer able) 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) PO BOX 1400						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2005									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s	specify	
(Street) RAPID CITY SD 577011400 (City) (State) (Zip)					,	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Form Perso	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  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. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date			, Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acqui d Of (D) (In			5. Amou Securition Benefici Owned I Reporte	es Formially (D) (I) (I)		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
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	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of		Expiration	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct ( or Indii (I) (Inst	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Phantom Stock Unit	(1)	01/31/2005			A		41.96		(2)		(3)	Common Stock	0.0	00	\$29.79	513.94		I	By Trust	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1 for 1 Conversion Ratio
- 2. Derivative Security is exercisable upon retirement under terms of the agreement
- 3. Derivative Security expires upon retirement under terms of the agreement

By: Roxann R. Basham, by power of attorney 02/02/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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