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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     PECHOTA GARY L |   |  |   |                                 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [ BKH ] |  |      |                                 |                                  |                    |                            |                          |  | <ol> <li>Relationship of Reporti</li> <li>(Check all applicable)</li> <li>X Director</li> </ol>                                   |   |                           | rting Person(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner                                   |  |
|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--|------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------|--|--|
| (Last)   | `   | First)                                     | (Middle)  |                                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2011               |  |      |                                 |                                  |                    |                            |                          |  | Officer (g<br>below)  | give title  |                           | Other (s<br>below)   | pecify   |
| (Street) RAPID (   |   | D<br>State)                                | 57709<br>(Zip)  |                                 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                  |  |      |                                 |                                  |                    |                            |                          | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X                       | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |   |                           |  |  |
|  |   | Ta   | able I - Non  | -Deriva                         | tive S  | ecuritie   | s Ac | quired,                         | Dis                              | posed o            | of, or B                   | enefici                  | ially (                                      | Owned   |   |                           |  |  |
| Date   |   |  |   | 2. Transac<br>Date<br>(Month/Da |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year   |      | Code                            | Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. |                    | ities Acqu<br>d Of (D) (Ir | red (A) o                | 1 and 5) Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned Fo |   | ly  | Form:                     | Direct<br>Indirect<br>str. 4)  | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership                         |
|  |   |  |   |                                 |   |  |      | Code                            | v                                | Amount             | (A)<br>(D)                 | or Pric                  | ce   | Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 3 ar  |   |                           |  | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common Stock 12/0  |   |  |   |                                 | 1/2011  |  | I    |                                 | 4.59                             | 1 A                | \$3                        | 32.86                    | 6,117.9304                                   |   |   | D                         |  |  |
| Common Stock   |   |  |   |                                 |   |  |      |                                 |                                  |                    |                            |                          | 1,000  |   |   |                           | By<br>Spouse   |  |
|  |   |  | Table II - I  |                                 |   | curities<br>Ils, warr  |      |                                 |                                  |                    |                            |                          |  | wned  |   |                           |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)      | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Ye | Code                            | action<br>(Instr.   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr. 3,<br>4 and 5) |      | 6. Date Expiration<br>(Month/Da | n Date                           | Securities Unde    |                            | s Underly<br>e Securit   | ying<br>ty                                   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | e Oversially Diese or (I) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |   | Code                            | v   | (A)  | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisal               |                                  | expiration<br>Pate | Title                      | Amour<br>Numbe<br>Shares | er of  |   | Transacti<br>(Instr. 4)   | ion(s)                    |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock Unit                                    | (1)   | 11/30/2011                                 |   | A                               |   | 458.0153   |      | (2)                             |                                  | (3)                | Common<br>Stock            |                          |  | 8,711.0   | 294   | I                         | by Trust   |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock Unit                                    | (1)   | 12/01/2011                                 |   | A                               |   | 96.7598  |      | (2)                             |                                  | (3)                | Common                     | 96.75                    | 598  | \$32.86   | 8,807.7   | 891                       | I  | by Trust   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

## Remarks:

Lorna Zacher, by power of 12/02/2011 <u>attorney</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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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