FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* EMERY DAVID R				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner						
(Last) PO BOX	(F		(Middle)			ate of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 16/2006									X X		er (give title	t and CI	10% Owner Other (specif below) and CEO	
(Street) RAPID C			5770914((Zip)	00	4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriv	ative :	Sec	uritie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, o	r Be	nefic	cially	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				4 and 5) See Be Ow		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		ship rect lirect 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pri	се	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock				12/21/2005					J	V	217.544		A		(1)	26,975.106		D		
Common Stock				01/06/2006					A		7,396		A		(2)	34,371.106		D		
Common Stock				01/06/2006					F		793.046		D	\$3	35.49	33,578.06		D		
Common Stock - 401K Plan				12/31/2005					J	J V 2		43.87 A			(3)	1,289.81		I		By 401(k)
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ative Conversion Date Execution D rity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		n Date, ay/Year) _	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				е	Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (In: and 4) Amor Nun of Or Nun		of s ng e (Instr. :	Deri Sec (Ins:	rice of vative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Own Forn Direc or In (I) (Ir		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares acquired through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan
- 2. Restricted Stock Grant to employee under the Company's Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- 3. Shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment under the Company's 401(k) Plan.

By: Roxann R. Basham, by power of attorney 01/10/2006

** 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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