

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HELMERS STEVEN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 1400

(Street)

RAPID CITY, SD 577091400

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

05/08/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr VP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/08/2007		M		4,136	A	\$ 28.09
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Common Stock	05/08/2007		F <sup>(1)</sup>		8,288.721	D	\$ 42.05
Common Stock	05/08/2007		F <sup>(1)</sup>		2,087.537	D	\$ 42.05

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Common Stock	05/08/2007	F(2)	1,089.549	D	\$ 42.05	19,716.068	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2007	F(2)	147.449	D	\$ 42.05	19,568.619	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2007	M	2,645	A	\$ 33.19	22,213.619	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2007	M	688	A	\$ 33.19	22,901.619	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2007	M	3,333	A	\$ 33.19	26,234.619	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2007	M	3,334	A	\$ 33.19	29,568.619	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2007	S	6,250	D	\$ 41.8188	23,318.619	D	
Common Stock						150	I	By Custodian For Child
Common Stock						115	I	By Trust

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

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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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.19	05/08/2007		M	2,645	01/17/2002 01/17/2011	Common Stock	2,645
	\$ 28.09	05/08/2007		M	4,136	05/15/2004 05/15/2013		4,136

Option (Right to Buy)								Common Stock	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.09	05/08/2007	M	4,136	05/15/2005	05/15/2013	Common Stock	4,136	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.09	05/08/2007	M	4,136	05/15/2006	05/15/2013	Common Stock	4,136	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.19	05/09/2007	M	688	01/17/2002	01/17/2011	Common Stock	688	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.19	05/09/2007	M	3,333	01/17/2003	01/17/2011	Common Stock	3,333	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.19	05/09/2007	M	3,334	01/17/2004	01/17/2011	Common Stock	3,334	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELMERS STEVEN J PO BOX 1400 RAPID CITY, SD 577091400			Sr VP & General Counsel	

## Signatures

By: Roxann R. Basham, by power of attorney

05/10/2007

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Shares used to pay for exercise price of stock option
- (2) Shares used to pay tax withholding

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