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Registration No. 333-159273

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT under

The Securities Act of 1933

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

South Dakota

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

625 Ninth Street, P.O. Box 1400 Rapid City, South Dakota (Address of Principal Executive Offices) **46-0458824** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

57709 (Zip Code)

BLACK HILLS UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

(Full Title of the Plan)

Steven J. Helmers General Counsel Black Hills Corporation 625 Ninth Street, P.O. Box 1400 Rapid City, South Dakota 57709 (605) 721-1700 (Name, Address and Telephone Number, Including Area Code of Agent for Service)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

X O Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

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DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

Black Hills Corporation filed a registration statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-159273, with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 15, 2009, to register 250,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, for issuance under the Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan (the "Black Hills Utility Holdings Plan"). The Black Hills Utility Holdings Plan has now merged into the Black Hills Corporation Retirement Savings Plan, with the latter plan surviving. Black Hills Corporation is filing this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement to deregister the 176,709 shares of common stock registered and reserved for issuance under the Registration Statement which remained unissued at the date hereof.

SIGNATURES

The Registrant. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Form S-8 Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Rapid City, State of South Dakota, on the 16th day of June, 2010.

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ David R. Emery</u> David R. Emery Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the persons who administer the Plan have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on their respective behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Rapid City, State of South Dakota, on the 16th day of June, 2010.

BLACK HILLS UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

By: <u>/s/ Anthony S. Cleberg</u> Anthony S. Cleberg Representative of Benefits Committee

Each individual whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints David R. Emery and Anthony S. Cleberg, and each of them severally, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with full power of substitution, to sign in his or her name and behalf, in any and all capacities stated below, and to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, any and all amendments, to this Registration Statement, and the Registrant hereby also appoints each such agent as its attorney-in-fact with the authority to sign and file any such amendments in its name and behalf.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

/s/ David R. Emery David R. Emery, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	Director and Principal Executive Officer	June 16, 2010
/s/ Anthony S. Cleberg Anthony S. Cleberg, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Principal Financial and Accounting Officer	June 16, 2010
/s/ David C. Ebertz David C. Ebertz	Director	June 16, 2010
/s/ Jack W. Eugster Jack W. Eugster	Director	June 16, 2010
/s/ John R. Howard John R. Howard	Director	June 16, 2010
/s/ Kay S. Jorgensen Kay S. Jorgensen	Director	June 16, 2010

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/s/ Stephen D. Newlin	Director	June 16, 2010
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/s/ Gary L. Pechota Gary L. Pechota	Director	June 16, 2010
/s/ Warren L. Robinson Warren L. Robinson	Director	June 16, 2010
/s/ John B. Vering John B. Vering	Director	June 16, 2010
/s/ Thomas J. Zeller Thomas J. Zeller	Director	June 16, 2010