## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HOWARD JOHN R				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [ BKH ]								Relationship neck all appl X Direct	icable)	g Per	son(s) to Iss			
(Last) (First) (Middle) PO BOX 1400						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/28/2004								Office below	r (give title )		Other ( below)	specify
(Street) RAPID CITY SD 577011400				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Lir	e) X Form Form	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person					
(City)	(5		(Zip)															
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				action Day/Yea	ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transac Code (II 8)	ction nstr.	4. Secur Dispose 5)	4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)  Amount (A) or (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	n Date Ex e (Month/Day/Year) if a	if any	kecution Date, any		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of E		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	i C	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Phantom Stock Unit	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/28/2004			A		42.66		(2)		(3)	Common Stock	0.00	\$29.3	7,209.5	5	I	By Trust
Phantom Stock Unit	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/01/2004			Α		75.05		(2)		(3)	Common Stock	0.00	\$29.78	7,284.6	5	I	By Trust

## Explanation of Responses:

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

By: Roxann R. Basham, by power of attorney 06/02/2004

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

- $^{\star}$  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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