FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Vering John B						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [ BKH ]							(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable)  X Director			g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
(Last)	`	First)	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2006								Officer ( below)	Officer (give title below)			specify
(Street) RAPID CITY SD 57709				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	) 【 Form fil	r Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable In filed by One Reporting Person In filed by More than One Reporting In the Interval				
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					nsactio	tion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			d (A) or	5. Amount		Form:	Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 03/01/2						006 I 2.3 A		\$34.796	4 2,244	.8415		D						
Common Stock 03/01/2						2006		I		33.528	A	\$34.796	2,278	2,278.3695		D		
			Table II				curities Ils, warr		,			,	eficially ( urities)	Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye	ate,	Code (Inst				6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		e Securities Under		Underlying Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numb derivativ Securitie Benefici Owned Followin Reported	ve es ally eg	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)			
Phantom Stock Unit	(1)	02/08/2006			A		202.4877		(2)		(3)	Common Stock	202.4877	\$34.57	7 566.4624		I	by Trust
Phantom	(1)	03/01/2006					5 3722		(2)		(3)	Common	5 2722	¢34.7064	571.9	346	T	by Truct

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

By: Roxann R. Basham For: John B. Vering

03/02/2006

\*\* 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).
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