FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name ar		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)									
<u>HOWARD JOHN R</u>							Extract the Cold (OD)									or		10% Ov	vner		
						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2005										r (give title)		Other (s	specify		
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(Street)							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line)					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da						ar) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		e, Transac Code (I	Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			Benefic Owned	ies Fo cially (D Following (I)		n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	t (A) or (D)		Price	Transac	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	Code (Ins				6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day	Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	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	or Nu of	nount mber ares							
Phantom Stock Unit	(1)	03/31/2005			A		37.8		(2)		(3)	Common Stock	0	.00	\$33.07	7,939.12	2	I	By Trust		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 1 for 1 Conversion Ratio
- 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 04/01/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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