
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) August 16, 2011

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Dakota

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-31303

(Commission File Number)

46-0458824

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**625 Ninth Street, PO Box 1400
Rapid City, South Dakota
(Address of principal executive
offices)**

57709-1400

(Zip Code)

605.721.1700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On August 16, 2011, the Board of Directors appointed Steven R. Mills to the Company's Board of Directors effective October 26, 2011. Mr. Mills was appointed as a Class III Director whose term will expire at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Mills and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director and Mr. Mills has no reportable transactions under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

The press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99 Press release dated August 22, 2011.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Steven J. Helmers

Steven J. Helmers
Senior Vice President
and General Counsel

Date: August 22, 2011

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Exhibit

99 Press release dated August 22, 2011.

Black Hills Corporation

Improving life with energy

News Release

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BLACK HILLS CORP. NAMES STEVEN R. MILLS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Long-term director John R. Howard to retire in May 2012

RAPID CITY, SD. — Aug. 22, 2011 — Black Hills Corp. (NYSE:BKH) today announced it will temporarily increase the size of its board of directors from 10 to 11 members with the election of Steven R. Mills effective Oct. 26, 2011. The change in board size is for a limited period that will be used to facilitate an effective succession to replace board member John R. Howard, who is retiring in May 2012 after 34 years of service on the Black Hills Corp. board of directors.

“John Howard has been a great asset as a director over the years as we executed strategic plans to increase shareholder value and significantly grow our company. His commitment and contributions to Black Hills are valued and appreciated,” said David R. Emery, chairman, president and chief executive officer. “I am also pleased with the addition of Steven Mills as a director. He brings in-depth business, financial and strategic acumen that strengthens our board’s collective qualifications, skills and experience, and we look forward to his contributions to our success.”

Mills is the senior executive vice president of performance and growth for Archer Daniels Midland Company (NYSE: ADM) and previously served as executive vice president and chief financial officer. He has a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Illinois College and more than 34 years of experience in the fields of accounting, corporate finance, strategic planning and mergers and acquisitions.

Black Hills Corporation

Black Hills Corp. — a diversified energy company with a tradition of exemplary service and a vision to be the energy partner of choice — is based in Rapid City, S.D., with corporate offices in Denver and Papillion, Neb. The company serves 762,000 natural gas and electric utility customers in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The company’s non-regulated businesses generate wholesale electricity, produce natural gas, oil and coal, and market energy. Black Hills’ 2,100 employees partner to produce results that improve life with energy. More information is available at www.blackhillscorp.com.

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