FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * $\underline{THIES\ MARK\ T}$						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last)	(First) (Middle)						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2003									X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Executive VP & CFO				
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(City)	(State) (Zip)														X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - Noi	า-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	of, o	r Ben	eficia	lly Owned	k				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/Date)					Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3			d Securition Benefici Owned I	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		Direct C Indirect E str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount (A)		(A) or (D)	Price	Transac	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 03/05						2003		J ⁽¹⁾	V	62.594		A	23.6	55 10,87	10,876.94(2)		D			
Common Stock 05/15						2003					5,340		A	0.0	0 16,2	16,216.94		D		
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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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		r) Amo Secu Unde Deriv		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownershi (Instr. 4)	
					Code \	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title		Amount or Number of Shares						
Option (Right to Buy)	28.09	05/15/2003			A		6,127		05/15/200	0	5/15/2013	Com		6,127	\$28.09	6,127		D		
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Explanation of Responses:

Buy)

- 1. This transaction is a dividend reinvestment.
- 2. Mr. Mark Thies is deemed to have indirect ownership of 1149.69 shares of Black Hills Corp stock through the Company 401(k) Plan.
- 3. Mr. Mark Thies directly owns 59,665 shares of Black Hills Corp common stock through the derivative security of Option (Right to Buy) with various exercisable and expiration dates as previously reported.

Roxann R. Basham by power of attorney

05/19/2003

** 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).
- ** 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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