

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
April 16, 2003

**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

April 15, 2003  
(Date of earliest event reported)

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

South Dakota  
(State of Incorporation)

001-31303  
(Commission File No.)

46-0458824  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

625 Ninth Street  
P. O. Box 1400  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57709  
(605) 721-1700

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Item 5. Other Events.

On April 15, 2003 the Company issued a press release announcing an internal investigation regarding trade reporting to energy publications. The investigation was initiated in response to a Request for Information from the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

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The press release is attached as an exhibit to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit:

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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/Mark T. Thies  
Mark T. Thies  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 16, 2003

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