

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
January 10, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 9, 2006**

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**BLACK HILLS CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**South Dakota**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)**

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**001-31303**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**46-0458824**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**625 Ninth Street, PO Box 1400**

**57709-1400**

**Rapid City, South Dakota**

**(Zip Code)**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**605.721.1700**  
**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**  
**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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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 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 9, 2006, the Registrant issued a press release announcing that on January 5, 2006, it had entered into a definitive agreement to sell the operating assets of Black Hills Energy Resources, Inc. and related subsidiaries to a subsidiary of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P., subject to certain closing conditions. Black Hills Energy Resources is headquartered in Houston, Texas and engages in crude oil marketing and pipeline transportation. The transaction is expected to close within 120 days of the January 5, 2006 agreement.

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

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99 Press Release dated January 9, 2006.

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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: January 10, 2006

**Exhibit Index**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release dated January 9, 2006.