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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

X QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2007.

OR

Yes

O TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

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Black Hills CorporationIRS Identification Number 46-0458824Incorporated in South DakotaIRS Identification Number 46-0458824625 Ninth StreetRapid City, South Dakota 57701

Registrant s telephone number (605) 721-1700

Former name, former address, and former fiscal year if changed since last report NONE

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

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Large accelerated filer
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O Non-accelerated filer

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Accelerated filer

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Yes

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No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date.

Class

Common stock, \$1.00 par value

Outstanding at July 31, 2007

37,750,250 shares

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#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

The following terms and abbreviations appear in the text of this report and have the definitions described below:

AFUDC	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction			
Aquila	Aquila, Inc.			
Bbl	Barrel			
BHEP	Black Hills Exploration and Production, Inc., a direct, wholly-owned			
DUED	subsidiary of Black Hills Energy, Inc.			
BHER	Black Hills Energy Resources, Inc., a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of			
Diash Hills Enorgy	Black Hills Energy, Inc.			
Black Hills Energy	Black Hills Energy, Inc., a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company			
Black Hills Generation	Black Hills Generation, Inc., a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Black Hills Energy, Inc.			
Black Hills Power				
	Black Hills Power, Inc., a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company			
Black Hills Wyoming	Black Hills Wyoming, Inc., an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Black			
	Hills Energy, Inc.			
Btu	British thermal unit			
Cheyenne Light	Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, a direct, wholly-owned			
	subsidiary of the Company			
Cheyenne Light Pension Plan	The Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company Pension Plan			
Dth	Dekatherms			
EITF	Emerging Issues Task Force			
Enserco	Enserco Energy Inc., a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Black Hills			
	Energy, Inc.			
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board			
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission			
FIN 48	FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes			
	an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109			
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles			
GECC	General Electric Capital Corporation			
Great Plains	Great Plains Energy Incorporated			
Indeck	Indeck Capital, Inc.			
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate			
LOE	Lease Operating Expense			
Las Vegas I	Las Vegas I gas-fired power plant			
Las Vegas II	Las Vegas II gas-fired power plant			
LVC	Las Vegas Cogeneration Limited Partnership, an indirect, wholly-owned			
2.0	subsidiary of Black Hills Energy, Inc.			
Mbbl	One thousand barrels			
Mcf	One thousand cubic feet			
Mcfe	One thousand cubic feet equivalent			
MMBtu	One million British thermal units			
MMcf	One million cubic feet			
MMcfe	One million cubic feet equivalent			
Moody s	Moody s Investor Services, Inc.			
MW	Moody's investor services, inc. Megawatt			
MWh				
	Megawatt-hour			
Nevada Power	Nevada Power Company			
PNM PPA	PNM Resources, Inc.			
rrA	Power Purchase Agreement			

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SAB	SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin					
SAB 108	SAB 108, Effects of Prior Year Misstatement on Current Year Financial					
	Statements					
SEC	U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission					
SFAS	Statement of Financial Accounting Standards					
SFAS 71	SFAS 71, Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation					
SFAS 109	SFAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes					
SFAS 133	SFAS 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities					
SFAS 144	SFAS 144, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-lived Assets					
SFAS 157	SFAS 157, Fair Value Measurements					
SFAS 158	SFAS 158, Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other					
	Postretirement Plans, an Amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88					
	106 and 132(R)					
SFAS 159	SFAS 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial					
	Liabilities					
S&P	Standard & Poor s Rating Services					
Valencia	Valencia Power, LLC, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Black Hills					
	Energy, Inc.					
WPSC	Wyoming Public Service Commission					
WRDC	Wyodak Resources Development Corp., a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary					
	of Black Hills Energy, Inc.					

### **BLACK HILLS CORPORATION**

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

#### (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30, <u>2007</u> (in thousands, except	<u>2006</u>	Six Months Ended June 30, 2007	<u>2006</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 163,943	\$ 153,813	\$ 350,476	\$ 325,704
Operating expenses:				
Fuel and purchased power	36,598	49,280	87,886	103,409
Operations and maintenance	20,718	22,073	41,278	44,077
Administrative and general	26,306	20,105	51,969	45,056
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	24,914	22,378	48,082	43,266
Taxes, other than income taxes	10,091	7,546	19,990	18,097
	118,627	121,382	249,205	253,905
Operating income	45,316	32,431	101,271	71,799
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense	(9,977)	(12,910)	(21,086)	(24,910)
Interest income	705	346	1,439	1,014
Allowance for funds used during				
construction equity	1,206		3,040	
Other (expense) income, net	(2)	123	346	412
	(8,068)	(12,441)	(16,261)	(23,484)

Income from continuing operations before equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, minority