HOWARD JOHN R Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HOWARD JOHN R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

PO BOX 1400

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

02/28/2011

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RAPID CITY, SD 57709

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D)

16,864.122 D

Common Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2011		A	459.6583	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	459.6583
Phantom Stock Unit	(1)	03/01/2011		A	228.4437	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	228.4437

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HOWARD JOHN R PO BOX 1400 RAPID CITY, SD 57709	X						

Signatures

Lorna Zacher, by power of attorney 03/02/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Dat

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) 1 for 1 Conversion Ratio
- (2) Derivative Security is exercisable upon retirement under terms of the agreement.
- (3) Derivative Security expires upon retirement under terms of the agreement.

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