HOWARD JOHN R

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

PO BOX 1400

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

11/30/2004

X Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

Officer (give title below)

(Instr. 8)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

RAPID CITY, SD 577011400

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Other (specify

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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(Instr. 4)

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

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year)

4 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities

Acquired

(Instr. 8)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)									
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Unit	(1)	11/30/2004	A		40.7		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	0	\$ 30
Phantom Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	12/01/2004	A		77.61		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	0	\$ 30

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HOWARD JOHN R PO BOX 1400 RAPID CITY, SD 577011400	X						

Signatures

By: Roxann R. Basham, by power of attorney

12/02/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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