EMERY DAVID R
Form 4
August 28, 2012

# FORM 4

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

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
EMERY DAVID R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P O BOX 1400

(Street)

RAPID CITY, SD 57709-1400

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/27/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/27/2012 | | M(1) | | 7,500 | A | $ 27.49 | 127,002.033 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/27/2012 | | M(1) | | 13,787 | A | $ 28.09 | 140,789.033 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/27/2012 | | S(1) | | 21,287 | D | $ 34.13 | 119,502.033 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,702.781 | I | by 401(K) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 103.727 | I | by Son Brandon |

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| Common Stock | 103.727 | I | by Son Ryan |

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

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

| 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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. D S (I |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Option (Right to Buy) | $ 27.49 | 08/27/2012 | | M | | | 2,500 | 03/31/2004 | 03/31/2013 | Common Stock | 2,500 | |
| Option (Right to Buy) | $ 27.49 | 08/27/2012 | | M | | | 2,500 | 03/31/2005 | 03/31/2013 | Common Stock | 2,500 | |
| Option (Right to Buy) | $ 27.49 | 08/27/2012 | | M | | | 2,500 | 03/31/2006 | 03/31/2013 | Common Stock | 2,500 | |
| Option (Right to Buy) | $ 28.09 | 08/27/2012 | | M | | | 4,595 | 05/15/2004 | 05/15/2013 | Common Stock | 4,595 | |
| Option (Right to Buy) | $ 28.09 | 08/27/2012 | | M | | | 4,596 | 05/15/2005 | 05/15/2013 | Common Stock | 4,596 | |
| Option (Right to Buy) | $ 28.09 | 08/27/2012 | | M | | | 4,596 | 05/15/2006 | 05/15/2013 | Common Stock | 4,596 | |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|---|

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EMERY DAVID R
P O BOX 1400
RAPID CITY, SD 57709-1400

President and CEO

# Signatures

Lorna Gunderman, by power of attorney 08/28/2012

**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)** Cashless Exercise of Stock Option

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