

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MATTERN JAMES M**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**PO BOX 1400**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/21/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**VP - Administration**

**RAPID CITY, SD 577091400**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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                    | 03/21/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 2,500   | A  | \$ 19.38  |
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| Common Stock                    | 03/21/2007                           |  | F(1)                           |   | 3,927.3649  | D  | \$ 37   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/21/2007                           |  | F(2)                           |   | 944.9622  | D  | \$ 37   |

|                 |    |   |                           |
|-----------------|----|---|---------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 30 | I | By<br>Immediate<br>Family |
|-----------------|----|---|---------------------------|

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 19.38   | 03/21/2007                              |   | M                                    | 2,500   | 07/21/1998 07/21/2007  | Common<br>Stock   | 2,500                                     |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 19.38   | 03/21/2007                              |   | M                                    | 2,500   | 07/21/1999 07/21/2007  | Common<br>Stock   | 2,500                                     |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 19.38   | 03/21/2007                              |   | M                                    | 2,500   | 07/21/2000 07/21/2007  | Common<br>Stock   | 2,500                                     |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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## Signatures

By: Roxann R. Basham, by power of  
attorney

03/23/2007

\_\_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) Shares used to pay for exercise price of stock option
- (2) Shares used to pay tax withholding

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