

MATTERN JAMES M  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 1400

(Street)

RAPID CITY, SD 577091400

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]

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

05/12/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/12/2005		M		3,000	A	\$ 16.67
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Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		1,325	D	\$ 35.45
Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		600	D	\$ 35.35

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Common Stock	05/12/2005	S	1,700	D	\$ 35.21	17,522.12	D	
Common Stock	05/12/2005	S	1,600	D	\$ 35.14	15,922.12	D	
Common Stock	05/12/2005	S	300	D	\$ 35.04	15,622.12	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2005	F	169.545	D	\$ 34.87	15,452.575	D	
Common Stock						30	I	By Immediate 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 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.67	05/12/2005		M	3,000	11/22/1999 11/22/2006	Common Stock	3,000
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.67	05/12/2005		M	3,000	11/22/1997 11/22/2006	Common Stock	3,000
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.67	05/12/2005		M	3,000	11/22/1998 11/22/2006	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

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## Signatures

By: Roxann R. Basham, by power of  
attorney

05/16/2005

\_\_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).

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