BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/

Form 4

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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 * NEWLIN STEPHEN D | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|----------|--|--|---------------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| PO BOX 1400 | | | (Month/Day/Year) 02/29/2012 | | | X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | |
| (Street) RAPID CITY, SD 57709 | | | 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 Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - Non-De | erivative S | Securiti | ies Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | llv Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction (Month/Day/ | any | emed on Date, if /Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | Disposed (Instr. 3, | l (A) or l of (D) 4 and 5 (A) or | | 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) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2,642.1242 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2,400 | I | By Terry Newlin Bypass Trust |
| 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 Expiration Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|-----|---|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Unit | (1) | 02/29/2012 | | A | 456.76 | | (2) | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 456.76 |
| Phantom Stock Unit | (1) | 03/01/2012 | | A | 137.8802 | | (2) | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 137.8802 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| reporting Owner France / Francess | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| NEWLIN STEPHEN D | | | | | | | |
| PO BOX 1400 | X | | | | | | |
| RAPID CITY, SD 57709 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

Lorna Zacher, by power of attorney 03/02/2012

**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) 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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