

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
August 22, 2011

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) August 16, 2011

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Dakota  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-31303  
(Commission File Number)

46-0458824  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

625 Ninth Street, PO Box  
1400  
Rapid City, South Dakota  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

57709-1400  
(Zip Code)

605.721.1700  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On August 16, 2011, the Board of Directors appointed Steven R. Mills to the Company's Board of Directors effective October 26, 2011. Mr. Mills was appointed as a Class III Director whose term will expire at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Mills and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director and Mr. Mills has no reportable transactions under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

The press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d)

Exhibits

99 Press release dated August 22, 2011.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Steven J.  
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Steven J. Helmert  
Senior Vice President  
and General Counsel

Date: August 22, 2011

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99 Press release dated August 22, 2011.

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