

Evans Linden R  
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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 \*  
Evans Linden R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 1400

(Street)

RAPID CITY, SD 57709

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]

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

02/21/2012

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)

PRES & COO - UTILITIES

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/21/2012		M/K		666	A	\$ 32.34
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Common Stock	02/21/2012		M/K		1,000	A	\$ 25.16
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Common Stock	02/21/2012	M/K	1,000	A	\$ 25.16	62,633.039	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012	M/K	1,666	A	\$ 29.83	64,299.039	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012	M/K	1,667	A	\$ 29.83	65,966.039	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012	M/K	1,667	A	\$ 29.83	67,633.039	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012	F <sup>(1)</sup>	8,486.653	D	\$ 34.09	59,146.386	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012	F <sup>(2)</sup>	400.28	D	\$ 34.09	58,746.106	D	
Common Stock						1,988.414	I	by 401(k)

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)	\$ 32.34	02/21/2012		M/K	666	06/17/2003 06/17/2012	Common Stock	666
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.34	02/21/2012		M/K	667	06/17/2004 06/17/2012	Common Stock	667
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.34	02/21/2012		M/K	667	06/17/2005 06/17/2012	Common Stock	667

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Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.16	02/21/2012	M/K	1,000	12/10/2003	12/10/2012	Common Stock	1,000
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.16	02/21/2012	M/K	1,000	12/10/2004	12/10/2012	Common Stock	1,000
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.16	02/21/2012	M/K	1,000	12/10/2005	12/12/2012	Common Stock	1,000
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.83	02/21/2012	M/K	1,666	12/31/2004	12/31/2013	Common Stock	1,666
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.83	02/21/2012	M/K	1,667	12/31/2005	12/31/2013	Common Stock	1,667
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.83	02/21/2012	M/K	1,667	12/31/2006	12/31/2013	Common Stock	1,667

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Evans Linden R PO BOX 1400 RAPID CITY, SD 57709			PRES & COO - UTILITIES	

## Signatures

Lorna Zacher, by power of attorney  
02/23/2012

\_\_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) Shares used to pay for exercise price of stock option per notice provided to the Company on February 20, 2012.
  - (2) Shares used to pay tax withholding.

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