

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Krush Perry S		(Month/Day/Year)	BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		12/16/2004		
PO BOX 1400			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) VP - Corporate Controller	
RAPID CITY,Â SDÂ 577091400			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	431.8	D	Â
Common Stock - 401K Plan	517.59	I	By 401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (Right to Buy)	05/30/2002	05/30/2011	Common Stock	666	\$ 55.36	D	Â
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Option (Right to Buy)	05/30/2004	05/30/2011	Common Stock	667	\$ 55.36	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	12/11/2002	12/11/2011	Common Stock	500	\$ 31.25	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	12/11/2003	12/11/2011	Common Stock	500	\$ 31.25	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	12/11/2004	12/11/2011	Common Stock	500	\$ 31.25	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/08/2005	01/08/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 30.15	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/08/2006	01/08/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 30.15	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/08/2007	01/08/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 30.15	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	12/07/2005	12/07/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 29.6	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	12/07/2006	12/07/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 29.6	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	12/07/2007	12/07/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 29.6	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Krush Perry S PO BOX 1400 RAPID CITY, SD 577091400	Â	Â	Â VP - Corporate Controller	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Krush, Perry  
S 12/21/2004

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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