

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
February 19, 2008

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 15, 2008**

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**BLACK HILLS CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**South Dakota**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)**  
**001-31303**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**625 Ninth Street, PO Box 1400**

**46-0458824**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**57709-1400**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Rapid City, South Dakota**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**605.721.1700**

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

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On February 15, 2008, the Registrant issued a press release jointly with Aquila, Inc. announcing that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, in a media release issued February 14, 2008, indicated approval of the proposed acquisition by the Registrant of Aquila's natural gas and electric utility assets and related operations in the State of Colorado. The final order is expected before the end of the month.

The Registrant and Aquila have obtained state regulatory approvals in Iowa, Nebraska and now Colorado. To close the transaction, the Registrant and Aquila need to obtain regulatory approval in Kansas and Great Plains and Aquila need to obtain regulatory approvals in Kansas and Missouri.

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 February 15, 2008.

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. Helmers  
Steven J. Helmers  
Senior Vice President  
and General Counsel

Date: February 19, 2008

**Exhibit Index**

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99                    Press release dated February 15, 2008.

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