

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
June 05, 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) June 1, 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)**

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

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625 Ninth Street, PO Box 1400

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

On June 1, 2008 the Company entered into new Change in Control Agreements (Agreements) with each of its Senior Executive Officers, David R. Emery, Thomas M. Ohlmacher, Linden R. Evans, Steven J. Helmers, Maurice T. Klefeker and James M. Mattern. The new Agreements replace the Change in Control Agreements dated June 30, 2005 which expired on June 1, 2008. The new Agreements have a termination date of June 1, 2011.

The Agreement entered into with David R. Emery, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, provides for a payment equal to 2.99 times the officer's base salary and annual incentive target if there is a Change in Control. The Agreement entered into with each of the other senior executive officers provides for a payment equal to two (2) times the officer's base salary plus annual incentive target if there is a Change in Control. The specific benefits and the definition of a Change in Control are fully described in the form of Agreements. Mr. Emery's Agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.1 and the form of Agreement for the other Senior Executive Officers is attached as Exhibit 10.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

- 10.1 Change in Control Agreement dated June 1, 2008 between Black Hills Corporation and David R. Emery
- 10.2 Form of Change in Control Agreement between Black Hills Corporation and its Non-CEO Senior Executive Officers

**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: June 4, 2008

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