

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
April 29, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): April 24, 2003**

**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, P.O. Box 1400, Rapid City, South Dakota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**57709**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (605) 721-1700**

**Not applicable**

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On November 27, 2002, Black Hills Corporation (the Company) filed a Registration Statement on Form S-3, File No. 333-101541, and, on January 13, 2003 and February 4, 2003, the Company filed amendments thereto (collectively, with such amendments, the Registration Statement), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) relating to the public offering, pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of up to an aggregate of \$400,000,000 in securities of the Company. On February 5, 2003, the Commission declared the Registration Statement effective. (The Registration Statement and definitive prospectus contained therein are collectively referred to as the Prospectus.)

On April 25, 2003, the Company filed with the Commission a supplement to the Prospectus, dated April 24, 2003 (the Prospectus Supplement), relating to the issuance and sale in an underwritten public offering of up to 4,600,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share. In connection with the filing of the Prospectus Supplement with the Commission, the Company is filing certain exhibits as part of this Form 8-K. See Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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- (c) Exhibits.

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| 5.1                | Opinion of Steven J. Helmers regarding the validity of the common stock.   |
| 23.1               | Consent of Steven J. Helmers (included in Exhibit 5.1).  |

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SIGNATURES

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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

Date: April 29, 2003

By:

/s/ Mark T. Thies

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Mark T. Thies

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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