

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
May 25, 2012

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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) May 23, 2012

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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.)

625 Ninth Street, PO Box 1400  
Rapid City, South Dakota  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
605.721.1700

57709-1400  
(Zip Code)

(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))

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Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

Black Hills Corporation (the "Company") held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 23, 2012, at which four proposals were submitted. The proposals are described in detail in the Company's proxy statement for the Annual Meeting filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2012. A quorum of shares was present for the Annual Meeting, and the final results for the votes regarding the proposals are set forth below.

Shareholders elected three directors to serve for a three-year term to expire at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders 1. in 2015, and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. The name of each director elected, and the votes cast for each such individuals, are set forth below:

| Nominee            | For        | Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|--------------------|------------|----------|------------------|
| Michael H. Madison | 33,313,697 | 344,464  | 7,055,121        |
| Steven R. Mills    | 33,318,792 | 339,369  | 7,055,121        |
| Stephen D. Newlin  | 33,307,165 | 350,996  | 7,055,121        |

2. Shareholders approved a proposal to increase the Company's authorized indebtedness from \$2 billion to \$4 billion. The votes regarding Proposal 2 were as follows:

| For        | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| 32,531,037 | 915,837 | 211,287 | 7,055,121        |

3. Shareholders approved a proposal to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche, LLP to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year 2012. The votes regarding Proposal 3 were as follows:

| For        | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| 40,137,280 | 406,318 | 169,684 | -0-              |

4. Shareholders approved, on an advisory and non-binding basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the proxy statement. The votes regarding Proposal 4 were as follows:

| For        | Against   | Abstain   | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| 30,468,471 | 1,045,392 | 2,144,298 | 7,055,121        |

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: May 25, 2012