HELMERS STEVEN J

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

02/08/2013

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HELMERS STEVEN J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) PO BOX 1	(First) 1400	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2013					(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) SENIOR VP & GENERAL COUNSEL			
	(Street)	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I	[- Non-I	Derivative S	ecuriti		erson red, Disposed of,			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	er) Execution any	n Date, if The Company/Year) (I		4. Securities or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/07/2013		F	<u>(1)</u>	406.421	D	\$ 40.89	45,611.104	D		

4,735

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

HELMERS STEVEN J PO BOX 1400 RAPID CITY, SD 57709

SENIOR VP & GENERAL COUNSEL

Signatures

Roxann R Basham, by power of attorney

02/11/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Shares used to pay tax withholding associated with Restricted Stock Vesting.
- (2) Perfomance Share Plan granted to employees under the Company's Omnibus Incentive Plan.

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