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> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 3, 2003 (Date of earliest event reported)

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

South Dakota (State of Incorporation) (Commission File No.)

001-31303

46-0458824 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

625 Ninth Street P. O. Box 1400 Rapid City, South Dakota 57709 (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)

Item 5. Other Events.

> On February 3, 2003 the Company issued a press release announcing the declaration of quarterly dividends on the common and preferred stock, resulting in the 33rd consecutive annual common dividend increase.

On February 6, 2003 the Company issued a press release announcing its fourth quarter and annual results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002.

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The press releases are attached as exhibits to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

- 99.1 Press Release dated February 3, 2003 announcing the declaration of quarterly dividends on the common and preferred stock, resulting in the 33rd consecutive annual common dividend increase.
- 99.2 Press Release dated February 6, 2003 announcing the Company's fourth quarter and annual results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002.

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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/ Mark T. Thies
Mark T. Thies
Sr. Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 7, 2003

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