OHLMACHER THOMAS M

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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1(b).

Common Stock -

401K Plan

12/31/2004

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

OHLMACHER THOMAS M		Symbol	Symbol						Issuer				
			BLACK	BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/ [BKH]						(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Direction					Director	**			
PO BOX 1400			`	01/06/2005						X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Pres & COO-Wholesale Business			
		4. If Amendment, Date Original						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check					
	Filed(Mon	Filed(Month/Day/Year)						Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person					
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Noi	n-De	erivative S	ecurit	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Exec	Deemed aution Date, if hth/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securin Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o of (D)	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	12/31/2004			J	V	732.3	A	<u>(1)</u>	29,087.68	D			
Common Stock	01/06/2005			A		6,340	A	<u>(2)</u>	35,427.68	D			

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

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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OHLMACHER THOMAS M PO BOX 1400 RAPID CITY, SD 577091400

Pres & COO-Wholesale Business

Signatures

By: Roxann R. Basham, by power of attorney

01/10/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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 acquired through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan
- (2) Restricted Stock Grant to employee under the Company's Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (3) Shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment under the Company's 401(k) Plan.

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