BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/

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).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** HELMERS STEVEN J | | | Symbol | | Ticker or T | C | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
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| (Lost) (Einst) (Middle) | | | | CORP/SE |)/ [Br | ХĦJ | | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | Director | | Owner | | |
| PO BOX 1400 | | | 02/10/2 | 016 | | | | Officer (give below) Sr VP &ar | below) np; General Co | er (specify unsel | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| RAPID CIT | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | |
| | | (F1.) | | | | | | Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative So | ecuriti | ies Acqu | iired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | curity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, | | on Date, if | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficia Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2016 | | | Code V $F_{\underline{1}}^{(1)}$ | Amount 223.238 | (D) | Price \$ 53.1 | 61,485.133 | D | | |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transactio | 5. orNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title at Amount of | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | Underlyin Securities (Instr. 3 a | ng s | (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | or Title Nu of | nount umber uares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HELMERS STEVEN J PO BOX 1400 RAPID CITY, SD 57709

Sr VP & Counsel Counsel

Signatures

/s/Lorna J.

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**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 used to pay tax withholding associated with Restricted Stock Vesting from 2-10-14 Restricted Stock Grant.

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