

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
May 06, 2003

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D. C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

May 5, 2003  
(Date of earliest event reported)

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

South Dakota  
(State of Incorporation)

001-31303  
(Commission File No.)

46-0458824  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

625 Ninth Street  
P. O. Box 1400  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57709  
(605) 721-1700

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit:

99 Press Release dated May 5, 2003.

Item 9. Information Being Provided Under Item 12.

On May 5, 2003 the Registrant issued a press release announcing earnings for the first quarter of 2003 of \$0.52 per share, including a loss of \$0.10 per share resulting from an accounting change.

The press release is attached as an exhibit to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

This information shall be considered to be "filed" under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

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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  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 6, 2003

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