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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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 30, 2005

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Dakota (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-31303 (Commission File Number)

625 Ninth Street, PO Box 1400

46-0458824 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

57709-1400 (Zip Code)

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Rapid City, South Dakota

(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)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On September 30, 2005, the Registrant s subsidiary, Enserco Energy Inc. (Enserco), amended its Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of May 14, 2004, by and among Enserco, Fortis Capital Corp., as Administrative Agent, Documentation Agent and Collateral Agent, BNP Paribas, U.S. Bank National Association and Societe Generale.

The amendment increased the amount of the uncommitted credit facility to \$200 million and extended the term of the facility to November 30, 2005. The uncommitted credit facility was originally for \$150 million with an expiration of September 30, 2005. The terms and conditions of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of May 14, 2004 and the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement made as of the 30th day of September, 2004 were set forth in a current report on Form 8-K dated September 30, 2004 filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 6, 2004 and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

The information required by this item is included in Item 1.01.

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: <u>/s/ Mark T. Thies</u> Mark T. Thies Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 3, 2005