

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
February 01, 2008

## **UNITED STATES**

## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## **FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 1, 2008**

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## **BLACK HILLS CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**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)**

**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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 1, 2008, the Registrant issued a press release announcing preliminary 2007 financial results for the fourth quarter and the year. Fourth quarter 2007 income from continuing operations is expected to be in the range of \$0.61 to \$0.65 per share, compared to \$0.62 per share in the same period of 2006. For the year 2007, income from continuing operations is expected to be in a range of \$2.64 to \$2.68 per share, compared to \$2.21 per share in 2006.

The press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K. This information is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (d) Exhibits
- 99 Press release dated February 1, 2008.

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/ Steven J. Helmers  
Steven J. Helmers  
Senior Vice President  
and General Counsel

Date: February 1, 2008

**Exhibit Index**

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99                    Press release dated February 1, 2008.

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