

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
March 19, 2007

## **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) March 13, 2007**

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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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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 March 13, 2007, the Registrant entered into a Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement dated May 5, 2005, among Black Hills Corporation, as Borrower, the financial institutions from time to time party thereto as Banks, U.S. Bank, National Association, as Co-Syndication Agent, Union Bank of California, N.A., as Co-Syndication Agent, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Co-Documentation Agent, BANK OF MONTREAL dba HARRIS NESBITT, as Co-Documentation Agent, and ABN AMRO Bank N.V. as Administrative Agent (the BHC Credit Agreement ).

The Second Amendment (i) increased the limit for borrowings or other credit accommodations for the Marketing Subsidiary Excluded Credit Facilities from \$260 million to \$300 million, (ii) increased the aggregate amount of commitments allowed under the facility without receiving the consent of the Banks from \$500 million to \$600 million, (iii) effective with the acquisition of certain electric and gas utility assets from Aquila, Inc. will increase the recourse leverage ratio limit from 0.65 to 1.00, to 0.70 to 1.00 for the first year after the Aquila acquisition and 0.65 to 1.00 thereafter, and (iv) allowed for other minor modifications to enable the Registrant to complete the acquisition of certain electric and gas utility assets from Aquila, Inc.

The BHC Credit Agreement dated May 5, 2005, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for March 31, 2005, and the First and Second Amendments to the BHC Credit Agreement filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 to this Form 8-K 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.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

10.1 First Amendment to the Credit Agreement, dated as of May 12, 2006 among Black Hills Corporation, as Borrower, ABN AMRO Bank N.V., in its capacity as agent for the Banks under the Credit Agreement, and as a Bank, and the other Banks party thereto.

10.2 Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2007 among Black Hills Corporation, as Borrower, ABN AMRO Bank N.V., in its capacity as agent for the Banks under the Credit Agreement, and as a Bank, and the other Banks party thereto.

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: March 19, 2007

**Exhibit Index**

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