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April 19, 2002

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549  
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FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

Incorporated in South Dakota

IRS Identification Number 46-0458824

625 Ninth Street  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Registrant's telephone number, including area code  
(605) 721-1700

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class  
to be so registered  
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Name of each exchange on which  
each class is to be registered  
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Common stock of \$1.00 par value

New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to  
Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General  
Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

X

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to  
Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General  
Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this  
form relates: 333-52664

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

Effective December 22, 2000, the outstanding shares of common stock of  
Black Hills Power, Inc. (formerly Black Hills Corporation) were exchanged for  
shares of common stock of Black Hills Corporation (formerly Black Hills Holding

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Corporation), and Black Hills Corporation became the holding company for Black Hills Power, Inc. We registered the Black Hills Corporation common stock issued in the exchange under the Securities Act of 1933 on Form S-4 (No. 333-52664). Our common stock was approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange. Pursuant to Rule 12g-3(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Black Hills Corporation, as successor issuer, is deemed to have common stock registered under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

### DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

The required information is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the caption "Description of Capital Stock" in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-57440), filed on March 22, 2001.

#### Item 2. Exhibits.

- 2\* Plan of Exchange Between Black Hills Corporation and Black Hills Holding Corporation (filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (No. 333-52664)).
- 3.1\* Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (No. 333-52664)).
- 3.2\* Articles of Amendment of the Registrant (filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on December 26, 2000).
- 3.3\* Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant dated December 10, 2001 (filed as Exhibit 3.3 to the Registrant's Form 10-K as amended for 2001).
- 3.4\* Statement of Designations, Preferences and Relative Rights and Limitations of No Par Preferred Stock, Series 2000-A of the Registrant (filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on December 26, 2000).
- 4.1\* Form of Stock Certificate for Common Stock, Par Value \$1.00 Per Share (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Form 10-K for 2000).

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\*Previously filed as part of the filing indicated and incorporated by reference herein.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

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By: /s/ Mark T. Thies

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Mark T. Thies  
Sr. Vice President and CFO

Date: April 19, 2002

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