

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2016

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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) December 13, 2016

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Commission Registrant; State of Incorporation I.R.S. Employer  
File Number Address; and Telephone Number Identification No.

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION  
(A South Dakota Corporation)  
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 13, 2016, Robert P. Otto accepted the Board of Directors appointment to serve as a Director effective January 1, 2017. He was appointed as a Class I Director whose term will be considered for re-election at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The Board of Directors also temporarily increased the size of the Board from 10 to 11 directors to allow a smooth transition for director retirements that are anticipated in the next few years.

The press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99 Press release dated December 14, 2016.

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, Registrant

By:/s/ Brian G. Iverson  
Brian G. Iverson  
Senior Vice President  
and General Counsel

Date: December 14, 2016