

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/
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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) April 8, 2016

| Commission File Number | Registrant; State of Incorporation Address; and Telephone Number | I.R.S. Employer Identification No. |
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| 001-31303 | BLACK HILLS CORPORATION (A South Dakota Corporation) 625 Ninth Street Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 Telephone 605.721.1700 | 46-0458824 |

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

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Black Hills Corporation's management will meet with analysts and investors during the week of April 11, 2016 to discuss Black Hills Corporation's operations and business plans. Black Hills Corporation will reaffirm the 2016 and preliminary 2017 guidance issued on February 12, 2016, at these meetings. The 2016 guidance range for earnings per share, as adjusted*, is \$2.90 to \$3.10, and the preliminary 2017 guidance range for earnings per share, as adjusted*, is \$3.35 to \$3.65.

Interested investors may access the presentation materials at the following URL:
<http://www.blackhillscorporation.com>

* Earnings per share, as adjusted is a non-GAAP financial measure. Earnings per share, as adjusted is defined as GAAP Earnings per share, adjusted for expenses and gains that the company believes do not reflect the company's core operating performance. Examples of these type of adjustments may include unique one-time non-budgeted events, impairment of assets and acquisition and disposition costs. The company is not able to provide a forward-looking quantitative GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliation for 2016 and 2017 earnings guidance, as adjusted, because we do not know the unplanned or unique events that may occur.

Our 2016 and 2017 earnings guidance includes "forward-looking statements" as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. We make these forward-looking statements in reliance on the safe harbor protections provided under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions which we believe are reasonable based on current expectations and projections about future events and industry conditions and trends affecting our business. However, whether actual results and developments will conform to our expectations and predictions is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that, among other things, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements, including without limitation, the risk factors described in Item 1A of Part I of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC, and other reports that we file with the SEC from time to time.

New factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements emerge from time-to-time, and it is not possible for us to predict all such factors, or the extent to which any such factor or combination of factors may cause actual results to differ from those contained in any forward-looking statement. We assume no obligation to update publicly any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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/ Richard W. Kinzley
Richard W. Kinzley
Senior Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 8, 2016