

BLACK HILLS CORP /SD/  
Form 8-K  
August 19, 2016

**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) **August 19, 2016**

**Black Hills Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**South Dakota**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-31303**  
(Commission File Number)

**625 Ninth Street**  
**Rapid City, South Dakota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**46-0458824**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**57709-1400**  
(Zip Code)

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**605.721-1700**

(Registrants telephone number, indicating area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-e(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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The Indenture provides for customary events of default (subject in certain cases to customary grace and cure periods), which include among other things nonpayment, breach of covenants in the Indenture and certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency. If an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to a series of Notes, the Trustee or holders of at least 25% in principal amount outstanding of such series of Notes may declare the principal and the accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all of the outstanding Notes of such series to be due and payable. These events of default are subject to a number of important qualifications, limitations and exceptions that are described in the Indenture.

Copies of the Sixth Supplemental Indenture and the forms of the Notes are attached hereto as exhibits and are expressly incorporated by reference herein and into the Registration Statement. The foregoing descriptions are qualified in their entirety by reference to the actual terms of the applicable exhibit attached hereto.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

The following exhibits are being filed herewith:

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4.1	Sixth Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 19, 2016 between Black Hills Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (as successor to LaSalle Bank National Association), as trustee.
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4.3	Form of 4.200% Notes due 2046 (included in Exhibit 4.1)
5.1	Opinion of Brian G. Iverson, Esq.
5.2	Opinion of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP
23.1	Consent of Brian G. Iverson, Esq. (included in Exhibit 5.1)
23.2	Consent of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2)

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

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