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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): August 18, 2025

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) 46-0458824 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

7001 Mount Rushmore Road
Rapid City, South Dakota
(Address of principal executive offices)

57702 (Zip Code)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

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|----------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | | | | ch class | Symbol(s) | on which registered |
| Common Stock of \$1.00 par value | | | | f \$1.00 par value | ВКН | New York Stock Exchange |