

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☒
D	Check box if filing under: ☐ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan BLACK HILLS CORPORATION 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/1982
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) BLACK HILLS CORPORATION PO BOX 1400 RAPID CITY, SD 57709
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-0458824
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 605-721-1700
2d	Business code (see instructions) 221500

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.			
Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.			
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	06/20/2024	FRANKIANNE COULTER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 3789
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 2972 6a(2) 2878 6b 0 6c 845 6d 3723 6e 21 6f 3744 6g(1) 3765 6g(2) 3720 6h 206
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2S 2T 3D 3F 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan BLACK HILLS CORPORATION 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BLACK HILLS CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-0458824	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO. INC. AND AFFIL
94-1737782

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

SCHWAB RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES INC

34-1479833

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 26 50 64	NONE	72091	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

AVANTAX PLANNING PARTNERS INC

42-1447865

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 50	NONE	14018	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
33 50 59 62 71	NONE	9727	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
SEE ATTACHEMENT 54-1968332	SEE ATTACHEMENT	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BLACK HILLS CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-0458824	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	221494	168972
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	867	1603
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	17	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	9173637	10432007
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	30804289	28557499
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	531271303	640286907
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	23994833	32187374

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	19793957	15331403
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	615260397	726965765
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	615260397	726965765

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	29186927	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	31943875	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	4209297	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		65340099
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	704660	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	558610	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		1263270
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	16702142	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		16702142
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	2566487	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	3051231	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		-484744
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-4117052	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		790036
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		81956285
c Other income	2c		4333256
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		165783292

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	53980281	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		53980281
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	25050	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	72593	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		97643
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		54077924

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		111705368
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☒ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **DELOITTE & TOUCHE, LLP**

(2) EIN: **13-3891517**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		10000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan BLACK HILLS CORPORATION 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BLACK HILLS CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-0458824

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 82-3967259 Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.	
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.	
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.	
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes ☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023
v. 230707

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for: a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14a 14b 14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to: a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15a 15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year: a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16a 16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b): a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20. a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box: ☐ Yes. ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☒ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.	

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

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NOTE: All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Plan Participants and Plan Administrator of
Black Hills Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Black Hills Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Plan's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Plan in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Report on Supplemental Schedule

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental schedules reconcile to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental schedules. In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, such schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 20, 2024

We have served as the auditor of the Plan since 2002.

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BLACK HILLS CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Investments - at fair value:		
Participant-directed investments	\$ 716,364,786	\$ 605,865,266
Receivables:		
Employer contribution	168,972	221,494
Notes receivable from participants	<u>10,432,007</u>	<u>9,173,637</u>
Total receivables	10,600,979	9,395,131
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 726,965,765</u>	<u>\$ 615,260,397</u>

See [Notes to Financial Statements](#).

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BLACK HILLS CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023
Additions to net assets	
Contributions:	
Participant contributions	\$ 31,943,875
Participant rollover contributions	4,209,297
Employer contributions	29,186,927
Total contributions	65,340,099
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	76,599,208
Interest and dividends	23,285,375
Total investment income	99,884,583
Other income:	
Interest received on notes receivable from participants	558,610
Total additions to net assets	165,783,292
Deductions from net assets:	
Administrative expenses	(97,643)
Benefits paid to participants	(53,980,281)
Total deductions from net assets	(54,077,924)
Increase in net assets available for benefits	111,705,368
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	615,260,397
End of year	\$ 726,965,765

See [Notes to Financial Statements](#).

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(1) DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Black Hills Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's information.

General — The Plan is a defined-contribution plan for eligible employees of Black Hills Corporation and subsidiary companies (the "Company" or "Plan Sponsor"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA) and is designed to comply with the provisions of Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

Plan Administration — Charles Schwab Trust Bank (Charles Schwab) serves as custodian and record keeper. The Plan is administered by the Black Hills Corporation Benefits Committee (the "Committee"). Charles Schwab is the trustee of the Plan.

Eligibility and Vesting — Employees meeting certain criteria, as defined in the Plan, are eligible to participate in the Plan one month following their date of employment. The Plan includes an automatic-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a target retirement fund appropriate for their age until changed by the participant. The Plan includes an Automatic Savings Increase (ASI) feature where the participant's savings rate will increase 1% annually until their savings rate reaches 15%, they have elected to change their savings rate, or they have elected to opt-out of ASI.

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of service at a rate of 20% per year. A participant is 100% vested after five years of service. Participants also become fully vested in Company contributions if their employment with the Company is terminated due to retirement at or after attainment of age 65, total and permanent disability, or death.

Contributions — Contributions to the Plan include (i) salary reduction contributions authorized by participants, (ii) matching contributions made by the Company, (iii) non-elective contributions made by the Company; and (iv) participant rollovers from another plan.

Participants may contribute up to 50% of their eligible compensation to the Plan each year. These contributions are subject to certain IRC limitations with an annual maximum pre-tax contribution of \$22,500 for 2023 and \$20,500 for 2022. Combined employee pre-tax, employee after-tax, employee Roth and employer contributions per participant (excluding catch-up contributions) were limited to the lesser of \$66,000 and \$61,000 in 2023 and 2022, respectively or 50% of the employee's available eligible annual pay. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions of \$7,500 and \$6,500 for 2023 and 2022 respectively. There is no limit to how often participants may change their contribution percentages. The Plan provides for Company matching contributions and non-elective Company Retirement Contributions for certain eligible participants.

Company Matching Contributions — The Company makes a standard matching contribution which is equal to 100% of each eligible participant's pre-tax, Roth and after-tax deferral contributions up to 6% of the participant's compensation as provided under the Plan. All matching contributions are invested as directed by the participant. Company Matching Contributions of \$17,224,350 were made to eligible participants in 2023.

Company Retirement Contributions — The Company Retirement Contributions are non-elective contributions made to eligible participants equal to a certain percent of their eligible compensation based upon their age and years of service at a certain date. All Company Retirement Contributions are invested as directed by the participant. Company Retirement Contributions of \$12,742,196 were made to eligible participants in 2023.

Rollover Contributions — Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined-contribution plans. Contributions are subject to certain IRC limitations. The Plan received \$4,209,297 in rollover contributions from other qualified plans in 2023.

Participant Accounts — Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. As applicable, each participant's account is credited with (i) the participant's contribution and related matching, and (ii) Plan earnings. Participant accounts are also charged an allocation of Plan losses and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined in the Plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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Investments — Participants may direct the investment of their contributions, the Company contributions and/or their account balances into various investment options offered by the Plan and may change investments and transfer amounts between funds daily. The Plan offers 21 investment options, including a common collective trust stable value fund, Vanguard mutual funds, common stock of the Company, and a self-directed brokerage account feature, Schwab Personal Choice Retirement Account (PCRA). With respect to common stock of the Company, participants may direct up to 20% of their account balance in Black Hills Corporation common stock. With respect to the PCRA, participants may direct up to 100% of their account balance in permitted investments of the PCRA (which excludes the Plan's investment offerings).

Notes Receivable from Participants — Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 from their accounts and up to a maximum of the lesser of \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance during the one-year period ending the day before the request for a new loan, or one-half of the vested account balance. Loans are secured by an assignment of a participant's vested interest in the Plan, and bear interest at 1% over the prime interest rate on the date of the loan. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. Loans must be repaid within 5 years; however, terms may exceed 5 years for the purchase of a primary residence and must be repaid within 15 years. Participants may not have more than one loan outstanding at any time. Loans are prohibited for terminated employees.

As of December 31, 2023, participant loans have maturities through August 29, 2038 at interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%.

Payment of Benefits — On termination of service with the Company (including termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement), a participant (or the participant's beneficiary in the case of death) may generally elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or installment payments.

Participants are also eligible to make hardship withdrawals from their deferred contributions in the event of certain financial hardships.

Forfeited Accounts — When certain terminations of participation in the Plan occur, the non-vested portion of the participant's account as defined by the Plan, represents a forfeiture. The Plan document permits the use of forfeitures to either reduce future employer contributions or plan administrative expenses for the plan year. However, if a participant is reemployed and fulfills certain requirements, as defined in the plan document, the account will be reinstated. During 2023, Company contributions were reduced by \$780,785 from forfeited non-vested accounts. The balance of the forfeiture account on December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$299,194 and \$28,703, respectively.

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting — The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition — The Plan's investments are stated at fair value or net asset value ("NAV"). Fair value of a financial instrument is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. NAV is determined by the financial institution sponsoring such funds by dividing the net assets by its units outstanding at the valuation date. See Note 3 for discussion on fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants — Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as distributions based on the terms of the Plan document.

Administrative Expenses — Plan administrative expenses of approximately \$340,671 in 2023 were paid by the Company. Plan administrative expenses of approximately \$97,643 in 2023 were paid by plan participants and are reflected in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Excess Contributions Payable — The Plan is required to return contributions received during the Plan year in excess of the IRC limits. As of December 31, 2023, the Plan did not have any excess contributions payable.

Roth 401(k) Option — Roth 401(k) employee contributions are made on an after-tax basis. The Company match applies to the Roth 401(k) contributions.

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Use of Estimates — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties — The Plan provides various investment options to its participants. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, and overall market volatility. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the value of the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

(3) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation methodologies used to measure fair value, as follows:

- Level 1 refers to securities valued using unadjusted quoted prices from active markets for identical assets;
- Level 2 refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available; and
- Level 3 refers to securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs.

Assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Additional information about plan assets, including methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of these assets, is as follows:

Money market funds are primarily cash equivalents held in short-term commingled funds that are categorized as Level 1. They are valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.

Mutual funds are categorized as Level 1 and are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Common stock is valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the securities are traded. Common stock is categorized as Level 1. See Note 7 for further discussion of Black Hills Corporation common stock.

Self-directed brokerage accounts consist of common stocks, mutual fund, and short-term investments that are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices and are categorized as Level 1. These accounts also consist of bonds, which are valued by evaluated pricing from observable market prices, and are categorized as Level 2.

Common collective trust funds are funds based upon the redemption price of units held by the Plan, which is based on the current net asset value (NAV) of the common collective trust fund's underlying assets. The NAV, as provided by the custodian, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. Unit values are determined by the financial institution sponsoring such funds by dividing the net assets by its units outstanding at the valuation dates. See Note 6 for further disclosure.

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The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

December 31, 2023						
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Investments Measured at Fair Value	Net Asset Value	Total Investments
Money market funds	\$ 1,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,603	\$ -	\$ 1,603
Mutual funds	640,286,907	-	-	640,286,907	-	640,286,907
Black Hills Corporation common stock	15,331,403	-	-	15,331,403	-	15,331,403
Self-directed brokerage accounts - PCRA	22,925,212	9,262,162	-	32,187,374	-	32,187,374
Common collective trust fund	-	-	-	-	28,557,499	28,557,499
Total investments	<u>\$ 678,545,125</u>	<u>\$ 9,262,162</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 687,807,287</u>	<u>\$ 28,557,499</u>	<u>\$ 716,364,786</u>

December 31, 2022						
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Investments Measured at Fair Value	Net Asset Value	Total Investments
Money market funds	\$ 867	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 867	\$ -	\$ 867
Mutual funds	531,271,303	-	-	531,271,303	-	531,271,303
Black Hills Corporation common stock	19,793,957	-	-	19,793,957	-	19,793,957
Self-directed brokerage accounts - PCRA	17,234,893	6,759,957	-	23,994,850	-	23,994,850
Common collective trust fund	-	-	-	-	30,804,289	30,804,289
Total investments	<u>\$ 568,301,020</u>	<u>\$ 6,759,957</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 575,060,977</u>	<u>\$ 30,804,289</u>	<u>\$ 605,865,266</u>

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers between levels.

(4) PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to amend or discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event that the Plan is terminated, participants would become 100% vested in their accounts.

(5) FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 31, 2014, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the IRC and regulations thereunder. The Company and Plan management believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. No uncertain positions were taken by the Plan that would require recognizing a tax liability or asset.

(6) STABLE VALUE FUND

The Invesco Stable Value CL B1 (the "Fund") is a common collective trust stable value fund sponsored by Invesco Trust Company. The beneficial interest of each participant is represented by units. Units are issued and redeemed daily at the Fund's NAV determined as of the close of business each day. Distribution to the Fund's unit holders is declared daily from the net investment income and automatically reinvested in the Fund on a monthly basis, when paid. It is the policy of the Fund to use its best efforts to maintain a stable NAV, although there is no guarantee that the Fund will be able to maintain this value.

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Participants may direct either the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made to the Fund, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Certain events may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the stable value fund (for example, partial or complete termination of the Plan or its merger with another plan, plant closings, layoffs, bankruptcy, mergers, early retirement incentives, certain transfers of assets from the stable value fund) and may also limit the ability of the stable value fund to transact at contract value with the participants. Plan management believes that the occurrence of events that would cause the Fund to transact at less than contract value is not probable.

(7) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests in a fund offered by Charles Schwab and Black Hills Corporation common stock. These transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan held 284,178 and 281,404 shares, respectively, of common stock of Black Hills Corporation, the sponsoring employer, with a cost basis of \$15,109,830 and \$14,846,749 respectively. The market value of these shares totaled \$15,331,403 and \$19,793,957 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan recorded dividend income from this investment of \$704,588.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan held Notes receivable from participants of \$10,432,007 and \$9,173,637 respectively.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan held Schwab U.S. Treasury Money Fund of \$1,603 and \$867 respectively.

(8) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated the impact of events that have occurred subsequent to December 31, 2023, through the date the Plan's financial statements were filed with the SEC. Based on this evaluation, the Plan has determined none of these events were required to be recognized or disclosed.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

(EIN: 46-0458824) (Plan No. 003)

FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i —

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (held at end of year)

As of December 31, 2023

Description	Cost**	Current Value
Money market fund:		
Schwab U.S. Treasury Money Fund*		\$ 1,603
Common collective trust fund:		
Invesco Stable Value CL B1		28,557,499
Mutual funds:		
Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund		48,422,326
Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund		14,216,591
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund		107,318,365
Vanguard REIT Index Fund		7,090,447
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund		20,143,581
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund		51,931,617
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund		57,134,760
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund		61,774,442
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund		55,908,091
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund		66,489,085
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund		41,923,927
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund		27,574,466
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund		12,302,960
Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund		1,390,549
Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Fund		17,781
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund		7,320,695
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund		24,548,525
Vanguard Total International Stock Index		34,778,699
Total mutual funds		640,286,907
Common stock - Black Hills Corporation*		15,331,403
Self-directed brokerage accounts - PCRA		32,187,374
Participant loans* (interest rates ranging from 4.25% - 9.50%; Maturity dates extending through August 29, 2038)		10,432,007
		<u>\$ 726,796,793</u>

* Denotes party-in-interest to the Plan

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed accounts and therefore is not included.

See accompanying [Independent Auditor's Report](#)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number

Description

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[Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm](#)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Annual Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Black Hills Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

/s/ Kimberly F. Nooney

Kimberly F. Nooney, Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: June 20, 2024

Black Hills Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
Schedule C, Part I, Line 3 - Service Provider Indirect Compensation Information
December 31, 2023

EIN: 46-0458824
Plan Number: 003

Received By Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (EIN: 94-1737782)

Fund Family/Provider	EIN	Formula
Acadian Funds	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Advisors Preferred	Not Available	Rate of 0.45% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Akre	54-1968332	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
AllianceBernstein	13-3191825	Range of 0.15 - 0.40% of average daily balance of assets
Allianz Global Investors	Not Available	Rate of 0.45% of average daily balance of asset(s)
American Century Investments	43-0821857	Rate of 0.35% of average daily balance of asset(s)
AQR Funds	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Baird	39-6037917	Rate of 0.05% of average daily balance of asset(s)
BlackRock	04-6171663	Range of 0.06 - 0.40% of average daily balance of assets
Brown Capital Management, LLC	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Calamos	36-3316238	Rate of 0.45% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Carillon Family of Funds	59-1237041	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Cavanal Hill funds	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Columbia Threadneedle	93-0577450	Rate of 0.50% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Congress	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Credit Suisse (New York, NY)	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
CROMWELL	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Davis Funds	52-1346931	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Driehaus	20-3634295	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Eaton Vance	04-2718215	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Fidelity Investments	06-1194217	Rate of 0.25% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Gabelli	13-3340139	Rate of 0.35% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Goldman Sachs	46-5215217	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Harbor	04-2679462	Rate of 0.43% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Harding Loevner	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Heartland	39-1572323	Rate of 0.50% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Invesco	58-2287224	Rate of 0.50% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Janus Henderson	43-1804048	Rate of 0.35% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Jensen	93-0978027	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Matthews Asia Funds	94-3250972	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
MFS	04-3253929	Range of 0.10 - 0.40% of average daily balance of assets
Morgan Stanley	36-3145972	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Natixis Funds	52-2257782	Rate of 0.35% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Needham	22-3408336	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Neuberger Berman	13-3216325	Rate of 0.29% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Nuveen	Not Available	Rate of 0.50% of average daily balance of asset(s)
PGIM Investments	22-3703799	Rate of 0.25% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Royce Investment Partners	Not Available	Rate of 0.45% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Rydex Funds	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Schwab Funds	94-3106735	Rate of 0.15% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Summit Global Investments	Not Available	Range of 0.10 - 0.40% of average daily balance of assets
T ROWE-PRICE	Not Available	Rate of 0.15% of average daily balance of asset(s)
The Pacific Financial Group	Not Available	Rate of 0.25% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Thornburg	Not Available	Rate of 0.60% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Value Line	13-3139843	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Veracity Funds	20-0872988	Range of 0.15 - 0.40% of average daily balance of assets
Wasatch	87-0319391	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Zevenbergen Capital Investments	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

NAME OF PLAN SPONSOR:	Black Hills Corporation
NAME OF PLAN:	Black Hills Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
EIN:	46-0458824
PLAN NUMBER:	003

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	PARTICIPANT LOANS	Loans (4.25% - 9.50%)		10,432,007
*	SCHWAB US TRSY MONEY INV	Money Market / Cash Equivalent		1,603
*	BLACK HILLS COMPANY STOCK	Employer Securities		15,331,403
	INVESCO STABLE VALUE CL B1	Common Collective Trust Fund		28,557,499
	PCRA	Self-Directed Brokerage Account		32,187,374
	VANGUARD EXTENDED MKT IDX INST	Registered Investment Company		48,422,326
	VANGUARD INFL PROTECTED SECSIN	Registered Investment Company		14,216,591
	VANGUARD INSTITUTIONAL INDEX	Registered Investment Company		107,318,365
	VANGUARD REAL ESTATE INX INSTL	Registered Investment Company		7,090,447
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2020	Registered Investment Company		20,143,581
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2025	Registered Investment Company		51,931,617
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2030	Registered Investment Company		57,134,760
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2035	Registered Investment Company		61,774,442
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2040	Registered Investment Company		55,908,091
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2045	Registered Investment Company		66,489,085
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2050	Registered Investment Company		41,923,927
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2055	Registered Investment Company		27,574,466
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2060	Registered Investment Company		12,302,960
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2065	Registered Investment Company		1,390,549
	VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMNT 2070	Registered Investment Company		17,781
	VANGUARD TARGET RETMT INCOME	Registered Investment Company		7,320,695
	VANGUARD TOTAL BD MKT IDX INST	Registered Investment Company		24,548,525
	VANGUARD TOTAL INTL STK INSTL	Registered Investment Company		34,778,699

* Party-in-interest