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August 12, 2002

**VIA FACSIMILE AND OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Jonathan G. Katz  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20549

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**Re: *Black Hills Corporation***  
***Statements Under Oath Relating to Exchange Act Filings***

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order, enclosed are the original Statements Under Oath of Daniel P. Landguth, Chief Executive Officer, and Mark T. Thies, Chief Financial Officer, of Black Hills Corporation.

Also enclosed is an acknowledgment copy of this letter. Please stamp the same with the date and time of filing, and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, regarding the enclosed statements, please call me at (605) 721-2303.

Sincerely,

BLACK HILLS CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steven J. Helmers'.

Steven J. Helmers

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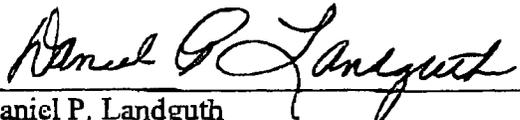
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**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER REGARDING  
FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS**

I, Daniel P. Landguth, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Black Hills Corporation ("BHC"), state and attest that:

1. To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of BHC, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - No covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - No covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
  
2. I have reviewed the contents of this statement with BHC's Audit Committee.
  
3. In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement is a "covered report":
  - 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K of BHC filed with the Commission;
  - All forms on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of BHC filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - Any amendments to any of the foregoing.

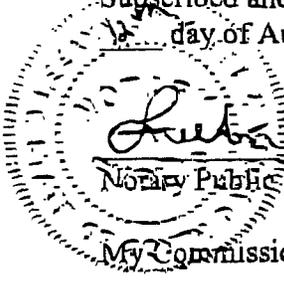
Dated this 12 day of August, 2002.

  
 Daniel P. Landguth  
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
 Black Hills Corporation

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
12 day of August, 2002.

  
 Luben Steckler  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires: 10-11-04