

BUFFETT WARREN E  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE CORP [BNI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1440 KIEWIT PLAZA  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/15/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

OMAHA, NE 68131

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/15/2009		P		1,800,000	A	\$ 62.1922	71,889,029	I <sup>(1)</sup>	See footnote 1. <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	01/16/2009		P		681,000	A	\$ 63.4315	72,570,029	I <sup>(1)</sup>	See footnote 1. <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	01/20/2009		P		1,882,000	A	\$ 61.6529	74,452,029	I <sup>(1)</sup>	See footnote 1. <sup>(1)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC 1440 KIEWIT PLAZA OMAHA, NE 68131		X		
BUFFETT WARREN E 1440 KIEWIT PLAZA OMAHA, NE 68131		X		
OBH INC 1440 KIEWIT PLAZA OMAHA, NE 68131		X		
NATIONAL INDEMNITY CO 3024 HARNEY STREET OMAHA, NE 68131		X		

## Signatures

Berkshire Hathaway Inc., by Marc D. Hamburg  
Date: 01/20/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These shares are owned by National Indemnity Company ("NICO"), a subsidiary of OBH, Inc. ("OBH"). OBH is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. ("Berkshire"). As OBH and Berkshire are each in the chain of ownership of NICO, each of Berkshire and OBH may be deemed presently to both beneficially own and have a pecuniary interest in all shares of Burlington Northern common stock presently owned by NICO. Warren E. Buffett, as the controlling stockholder of Berkshire, may be deemed presently to beneficially own, but only to the extent he has a pecuniary interest in, the shares of Burlington Northern common stock presently owned by NICO. Mr. Buffett disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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