

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC
Form 8-K
May 16, 2012

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) May 15, 2012

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

**DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION
OF INCORPORATION)**

**001-14905
(COMMISSION
FILE NUMBER)**

**47-0813844
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NO.)**

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(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)
(402) 346-1400

68131
(ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 15, 2012, Berkshire Hathaway Finance Corporation (BHFC) issued (i) \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 1.600% Senior Notes due 2017, (ii) \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.000% Senior Notes due 2022, and (iii) \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.400% Senior Notes due 2042 ((i), (ii), and (iii) collectively, the Notes), under a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on February 1, 2010 (Registration No. 333-164611) (the Registration Statement). The Notes, which will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (Berkshire), were sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) entered into on May 8, 2012, by and between (a) BHFC and Berkshire and (b) Goldman, Sachs & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (collectively, the Underwriters). The Notes are issued under an Indenture, dated as of February 1, 2010, by and among BHFC, as issuer, Berkshire, as guarantor, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the Indenture), and officers certificates dated as of May 15, 2012 (the Officers Certificates).

The relevant terms of the Notes and the Indenture are further described under the caption Description of the Notes and Guarantee in the prospectus supplement, dated May 8, 2012, filed with the Commission by Berkshire on May 9, 2012, pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and in the section entitled Description of the Debt Securities in the base prospectus, dated February 1, 2010, included in the Registration Statement, which descriptions are incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Indenture is set forth in Exhibit 4.1 of the Registration Statement and is incorporated herein by reference. Copies of the Officers Certificates (including the forms of the Notes) are attached hereto as Exhibits 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 and are incorporated herein by reference. The descriptions of the Indenture and the Notes in this report are summaries and are qualified in their entirety by the terms of the Indenture and the Notes, respectively.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated May 8, 2012, by and between (a) Berkshire Hathaway Finance Corporation and Berkshire Hathaway Inc. and (b) Goldman, Sachs & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC.
- 4.1 Indenture, dated as of February 1, 2010, among the Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Berkshire Hathaway Finance Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Berkshire s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-164611) filed with the Commission on February 1, 2010).
- 4.2 Officers Certificate of Berkshire Hathaway Finance Corporation, dated as of May 15, 2012, including the form of Berkshire Hathaway Finance Corporation s 1.600% Senior Notes due 2017.
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- 4.4 Officers Certificate of Berkshire Hathaway Finance Corporation, dated as of May 15, 2012, including the form of Berkshire Hathaway Finance Corporation s 4.400% Senior Notes due 2042.
- 5.1 Opinion of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, dated May 15, 2012.
- 23.1 Consent of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

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.

May 15, 2012

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.

/s/ Marc D. Hamburg

By: Marc D. Hamburg

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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