

BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 08/15/2007

\_\_\_\_ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2007                           |  | P                              | 500,700 A \$ 78.96  | 41,148,430 (1) (2)  | I  | See footnotes 1 and 2                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 08/16/2007                           |  | P                              | 900,800 A \$ 76.5   | 42,049,230 (1) (2)  | I  | See footnotes 1 and 2                                 |

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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC<br>1440 KIEWIT PLAZA<br>OMAHA, NE 68131 |               | X         |         |       |
| BUFFETT WARREN E<br>1440 KIEWIT PLAZA<br>OMAHA, NE 68131       |               | X         |         |       |
| OBH INC<br>1440 KIEWIT PLAZA<br>OMAHA, NE 68131                |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Berkshire Hathaway Inc., by Marc D. Hamburg | 08/17/2007 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person             | Date       |
| /s/ Warren E. Buffett                       | 08/17/2007 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person             | Date       |
| OBH, Inc., by Marc D. Hamburg               | 08/17/2007 |
| **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 the following subsidiaries of Berkshire Hathaway Inc.: National Indemnity Company ("NICO") (16,025,230 shares); National Fire & Marine Insurance Company ("NFMIC") (1,322,100 shares); and Columbia Insurance Company ("Columbia") (24,701,900 shares). Each of NICO, NFMIC and Columbia is a subsidiary of OBH, Inc. ("OBH"). OBH is a subsidiary of Berkshire

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Hathaway Inc. ("Berkshire").

- As OBH and Berkshire are each in the chain of ownership of NICO, NFMIC and Columbia, 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
- (2) each subsidiary. 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 each such subsidiary. Mr. Buffett disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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