

BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE CORP

Form 4

August 17, 2007

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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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 \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ 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  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                                                         | Price                                                                   |                                         |   |                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 08/15/2007                              |                                                             | P                                    |                                                                         | 500,700                                                                                                            | \$ 78.96                                                                | 41,148,430<br>(1) (2)                   | I | See<br>footnotes<br>1 and 2 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 08/16/2007                              |                                                             | P                                    |                                                                         | 900,800                                                                                                            | \$ 76.5                                                                 | 42,049,230<br>(1) (2)                   | I | See<br>footnotes<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>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.<br>Hamburg              | 08/17/2007 |
| <u>                    </u> **Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |
| /s/ Warren E. Buffett                                       | 08/17/2007 |
| <u>                    </u> **Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |
| OBH, Inc., by Marc D. Hamburg                               | 08/17/2007 |
| <u>                    </u> **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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