

BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE CORP  
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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)  
 01/16/2008

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

OMAHA, NE 68131

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Price   |  |   |                                     |   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/16/2008                           |  | P                              |   | 44,200<br><u>(1)</u>  | A  | \$ 76.55  | 62,573,218<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | I | See footnotes 1 and 2 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock                    | 01/17/2008                           |  | P                              |   | 205,800<br><u>(1)</u>   | A  | \$ 77.83  | 62,779,018<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | I | See footnotes 1 and 2 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock                    | 01/18/2008                           |  | P                              |   | 996,100<br><u>(1)</u>   | A  | \$ 76.97  | 63,775,118<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | I | See footnotes 1 and 2 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |



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| OBH, Inc., by Marc D. Hamburg     | 01/18/2008 |
| ____Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |

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| /s/ National Indemnity Company, by Marc D. Hamburg | 01/18/2008 |
| ____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.

(2) 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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