

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC

Form 4

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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 \*  
BILL & MELINDA GATES  
FOUNDATION TRUST

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC  
[BRK/B]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1551 EASTLAKE AVENUE E.  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/28/2009

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

SEATTLE, WA 98102

(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  
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**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                                      |
| Class B Common Stock            | 08/28/2009                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 50  | D  | \$ 3,310                                   |
| Class B Common Stock            | 08/28/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 90  | D  | \$ 3,312                                   |
| Class B Common Stock            | 08/28/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 10  | D  | \$ 3,312.01                                |
| Class B Common Stock            | 08/28/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 30  | D  | \$ 3,314                                   |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------------|-----------|---|--|
| Stock                      |            |   |     |   |                |           |   |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 3,315       | 1,647,988 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 30  | D | \$<br>3,318.54 | 1,647,958 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 70  | D | \$ 3,320       | 1,647,888 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 20  | D | \$<br>3,320.05 | 1,647,868 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 90  | D | \$ 3,321       | 1,647,778 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 10  | D | \$<br>3,321.66 | 1,647,768 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 30  | D | \$<br>3,322.11 | 1,647,738 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 20  | D | \$<br>3,322.36 | 1,647,718 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 200 | D | \$ 3,325       | 1,647,518 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 20  | D | \$<br>3,326.09 | 1,647,498 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 30  | D | \$ 3,326.1     | 1,647,468 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 20  | D | \$ 3,326.2     | 1,647,448 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/28/2009 | S | 20  | D | \$ 3,327       | 1,647,428 | D |  |

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 Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION TRUST  
1551 EASTLAKE AVENUE E.  
SEATTLE, WA 98102

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## Signatures

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust By: /s/ Laurie A. Smiley, Attorney-in-Fact for each of the Co-Trustees, William H. Gates III and Melinda French Gates

08/31/2009

\_\_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) The sales reported in this filing were made pursuant to Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust's 10b5-1 sales plan to facilitate compliance with federal excise tax rules limiting excess business holdings by private foundations.

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