

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)  
08/21/2009

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

SEATTLE, WA 98102

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| Class B Common Stock            | 08/21/2009                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 10  | D   | \$ 3,299   | 1,652,798 D   |
| Class B Common Stock            | 08/21/2009                           |  | S                              | 10  | D   | \$ 3,302   | 1,652,788 D   |
| Class B Common Stock            | 08/21/2009                           |  | S                              | 10  | D   | \$ 3,307   | 1,652,778 D   |
| Class B Common                  | 08/21/2009                           |  | S                              | 20  | D   | \$ 3,310.07  | 1,652,758 D   |

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|                            |            |   |     |   |                |           |   |  |
|----------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------------|-----------|---|--|
| Stock                      |            |   |     |   |                |           |   |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 50  | D | \$ 3,310.5     | 1,652,708 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 3,315       | 1,652,608 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 30  | D | \$<br>3,315.25 | 1,652,578 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 20  | D | \$<br>3,317.06 | 1,652,558 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 50  | D | \$ 3,317.5     | 1,652,508 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 60  | D | \$ 3,318       | 1,652,448 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 30  | D | \$ 3,319.5     | 1,652,418 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 3,320       | 1,652,318 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 50  | D | \$ 3,321       | 1,652,268 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 50  | D | \$ 3,323       | 1,652,218 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 60  | D | \$<br>3,323.01 | 1,652,158 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 50  | D | \$ 3,324       | 1,652,108 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 219 | D | \$ 3,325       | 1,651,889 | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 1   | D | \$<br>3,325.01 | 1,651,888 | D |  |

|                            |            |   |    |   |                |           |   |
|----------------------------|------------|---|----|---|----------------|-----------|---|
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 30 | D | \$ 3,325.1     | 1,651,858 | D |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 50 | D | \$<br>3,328.01 | 1,651,808 | 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<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>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Code   | V   | (A)   | (D)   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION TRUST<br>1551 EASTLAKE AVENUE E.<br>SEATTLE, WA 98102 |               |           | X       |       |

## 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

08/24/2009

\_\_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).

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- (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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