

**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.  
NEWS RELEASE**

**BERKSHIRE ANNOUNCES BNSF ELECTION DEADLINE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**February 4, 2010**

Omaha, NE (NYSE: BRK.A; BRK.B) – Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (“Berkshire”) today announced that 5:00 p.m., New York time, on February 10, 2010 is the anticipated deadline for submission of Forms of Election by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation (“BNSF”) shareholders to receive cash, Berkshire stock or a mix of the two in connection with the proposed merger (the “Merger”) of BNSF with and into a subsidiary of Berkshire (“Merger Sub”). If the BNSF shareholders approve the Merger at the special meeting of BNSF shareholders on February 11, 2010, Berkshire and BNSF plan to close the Merger on February 12, 2010. Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement by and among Berkshire, BNSF and Merger Sub, in order for a BNSF shareholder’s election to be valid, a properly completed Form of Election must be received by our exchange agent, Wells Fargo Shareowner Services, by 5:00 p.m., New York time, on the second business day prior to the closing of the Merger.

**About Berkshire**

Berkshire and its subsidiaries engage in diverse business activities including property and casualty insurance and reinsurance, utilities and energy, finance, manufacturing, retailing and services.

**Additional Information**

In connection with the proposed merger, Berkshire has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) a registration statement that includes a proxy statement of BNSF that also constitutes a prospectus of Berkshire relating to the proposed merger. Investors are urged to read the registration statement and proxy statement/prospectus and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC because they contain important information about BNSF, Berkshire and the proposed merger. The registration statement and proxy statement/prospectus and other documents relating to the proposed merger can be obtained free of charge from the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), Berkshire’s website at [www.berkshirehathaway.com](http://www.berkshirehathaway.com) and BNSF’s website at [www.bnsf.com](http://www.bnsf.com). In addition, these documents can also be obtained free of charge from Berkshire Hathaway upon written request to the Corporate Secretary or by calling (402) 346-1400, or from BNSF upon written request to Linda Hurt or John Ambler or by calling (817) 352-6452 or (817) 867-6407.

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