

# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>LANIGAN JOHN P JR</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, 2650 Lou Menk Drive</b>  (Street) <b>Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE CORP [BNI]</b>  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>05/01/2008</b>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>EVP &amp; Chief Marketing Officer</b>  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	05/02/2008		F		2,733 (1)	D	\$104.24	59,122	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	05/02/2008		A		7,500 (2)	A	\$ 0	66,622	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	05/02/2008		F		2,733 (3)	D	\$104.24	63,889	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	05/02/2008		A		4,200 (4)	A	\$ 0	68,089	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	05/02/2008		F		1,530 (5)	D	\$104.24	66,559	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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	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	9. Number of Derivative	10. Ownership Form of	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)								
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(6)</sup>	\$105.23	05/01/2008	A		50,360		<sup>(6)</sup>	05/01/2018	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	50,360	\$ 0	50,360	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LANIGAN JOHN P JR Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation 2650 Lou Menk Drive Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830			EVP & Chief Marketing Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ John P. Lanigan Jr., by Jeffrey T. Williams, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

05/05/2008

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).

The reporting person received a grant of 7,500 restricted stock units on May 2, 2005 pursuant to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe 1999 Stock Incentive Plan (the "1999 Plan"). The 1999 Plan provided for (1) the lapse of restrictions on the restricted stock units on May 2, 2008; the reporting person elected to surrender 2,733 shares, to satisfy tax withholding liabilities, incident to the lapse of restrictions in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

(2) Represents performance-based restricted stock units that have vested and are paid out in shares of common stock.

(3) The reporting person elected to surrender 2,733 shares upon vesting of performance-based restricted stock units, to satisfy tax withholding liabilities, incident to the lapse of restrictions in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

(4) Represents performance stock that has vested and is paid out in shares of common stock.

(5) The reporting person elected to surrender 1,530 shares upon vesting of performance stock, to satisfy tax withholding liabilities, incident to the lapse of restrictions in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

(6) Stock option grant with tandem withholding rights pursuant to the 1999 Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 which vests ratably over a three year period.

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