

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 * <b>LANIGAN JOHN P JR</b>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE CORP [BNI]</b>			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>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>02/17/2009</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		
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, 2650 Lou Menk Drive			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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	02/17/2009		F		2,355 (1)	D	\$66.04	64,204	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	02/17/2009		A		8,640 (2)	A	\$ 0	72,844	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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 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
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 Judy K. Carter, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

02/18/2009

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 6,461 shares of restricted stock on 2/16/2006 pursuant to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe 1999 Stock Incentive Plan (the "1999 Plan"). The 1999 Plan provided (1) for the lapse of restrictions on 2/17/2009; the reporting person elected to surrender 2,355 shares upon vesting of restricted stock, to satisfy tax withholding liabilities, incident to the lapse of restrictions in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

(2) Represents performance-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") and shares of performance stock fixed on February 17, 2009 based on confirmation of the satisfaction of certain performance criteria. Subject to continued employment, the RSUs and the performance stock will vest on April 27, 2009.

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