

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] RICKERSHAUSER PETER J (Last) (First) (Middle) Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, 2650 Lou Menk Drive (Street) Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE CORP [BNI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/16/2009 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner ___ X ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) VP - Network Development 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ___ X ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ 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)
				V	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	10/16/2009		F		186 (D)	\$86.39	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value						3,340	I	By 401 (k)

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)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer
RICKERSHAUSER PETER J Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation 2650 Lou Menk Drive Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830			VP - Network Development
			Other

Signatures

/s/ Peter J. Rickershauser by Judy K. Carter, as Attorney-in-Fact 10/20/2009
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).
 The reporting person elected to surrender 186 shares upon distribution of shares to him that were previously deferred into the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Senior Management Stock Deferral Plan upon (1) vesting of performance-based restricted stock units awarded pursuant to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe 1999 Stock Incentive Plan, to satisfy tax withholding liabilities, incident to the lapse of the deferral period in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

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