

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$80.17	04/27/2006		A	1,245	(3)	04/27/2016	\$0.01 par value Common Stock	1,245	\$ 0	1,245	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$80.17	04/27/2006		A	4,455	(3)	04/27/2016	\$0.01 par value Common Stock	4,455	\$ 0	4,455	D

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Peter J. Rickershauser

05/01/2006

**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).
- (1) Grant of Restricted Stock Units payable in common stock pursuant to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe 1999 Stock Incentive Plan (the "1999 Plan") with a right to have shares withheld to satisfy tax liabilities upon vesting, with a vesting date of three years.
- (2) Share equivalents held in the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Investment and Retirement Plan as of 04/28/2006.
- (3) 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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