

**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.  
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**August 17, 2009**

**Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Extends Expiration of  
Registered Exchange Offer to August 21, 2009**

Business Editors

OMAHA, NE—(BUSINESS WIRE)—August 17, 2009—Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (“Berkshire”) and Berkshire Hathaway Finance Corporation (“BHFC”) today announced that they have extended the expiration date of a registered exchange offer to August 21, 2009. The offer is to exchange up to \$1,000,000,000 of BHFC’s newly registered 4.000% Senior Notes due 2012 (the “2012 Exchange Notes,”) for an equal amount of its privately placed 4.000% Senior Notes due 2012 (the “2012 Original Notes,”). The 2012 Exchange Notes are substantially identical to the 2012 Original Notes, except that the Exchange Notes have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and will not bear any legend restricting their transfer.

As of 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Friday August 14, 2009, the original expiration date of the exchange offer, approximately \$975,000,000 of the aggregate principal amount of the 2012 Original Notes have been tendered for exchange. Berkshire and BHFC will accept for exchange any and all 2012 Original Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn prior to the expiration of the exchange offer at 5:00 p.m., (Eastern Time) on August 21, 2009, unless extended. Berkshire and BHFC do not currently intend to extend this exchange offer any further.

The terms of the exchange offer and other information relating to Berkshire and BHFC are set forth in a prospectus dated July 17, 2009. Copies of the prospectus and the related letters of transmittal may be obtained from The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., which is serving as the exchange agent for the exchange offer. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.’s address, telephone and facsimile number are as follows:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company  
Corporate Trust Dept. — Reorganization Unit  
101 Barclay Street, 7E  
New York, NY 10286  
Phone: 212-815-3738  
Fax: 212-298-1915

This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy or exchange the Exchange Notes or the Original Notes. The exchange offer is made solely pursuant to the prospectus dated July 17, 2009, including any supplements thereto.

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