

**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.  
NEWS RELEASE**

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Omaha, NE (BRK.A; BRK.B) — General Re Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., has received a request from the United States Securities and Exchange Commission to provide documentation and information relating to non-traditional or loss mitigation insurance products. The request for documentation and information applies to General Re Corporation and all of its affiliates. Berkshire Hathaway Inc. and General Re Corporation will cooperate fully with the request.

Berkshire Hathaway and its subsidiaries engage in a number of diverse business activities among which the most important is the property and casualty insurance business conducted on both a direct and reinsurance basis. Common stock of the Company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, trading symbols BRK.A and BRK.B.

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