# BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC. NEWS RELEASE

### BNSF MERGER CONSIDERATION ELECTION DEADLINE EXPIRES

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 10, 2010

Omaha, NE (BRK.A; BRK.B) – Berkshire Hathaway Inc. ("Berkshire") today announced that the deadline for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation ("BNSF") shareholders to make their merger consideration elections in connection with the proposed merger (the "Merger") of BNSF with and into a subsidiary of Berkshire expired today at 5:00 p.m. New York time. If the BNSF shareholders approve the Merger at the special meeting of BSNF shareholders tomorrow, Berkshire and BNSF plan to close the Merger on Friday, February 12, 2010. Berkshire expects to announce the results of the election process on the closing date.

## **About Berkshire**

Berkshire and its subsidiaries engage in diverse business activities including property and casualty insurance and reinsurance, utilities and energy, finance, manufacturing, retailing and services.

#### **Additional Information**

In connection with the proposed merger, Berkshire has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a registration statement that includes a proxy statement of BNSF that also constitutes a prospectus of Berkshire relating to the proposed merger. Investors are urged to read the registration statement and proxy statement/prospectus and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC because they contain important information about BNSF, Berkshire and the proposed merger. The registration statement and proxy statement/prospectus and other documents relating to the proposed merger can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.berkshirehathaway.com">www.berkshirehathaway.com</a> and BNSF's website at <a href="https://www.berkshirehathaway.com">www.berkshirehathaway.com</a> and BNSF's website at <a href="https://www.bnsf.com">www.bnsf.com</a>. In addition, these documents can also be obtained free of charge from Berkshire Hathaway upon written request to the Corporate Secretary or by calling (402) 346-1400, or from BNSF upon written request to Linda Hurt or John Ambler or by calling (817) 352-6452 or (817) 867-6407.

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