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Form 13F-HR  
November 14, 2008

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

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: September 30, 2008

Check here if Amendment ; Amendment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This Amendment (Check only one.):  is a restatement.  
 adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: Berkshire Hathaway Inc.  
Address: 1440 Kiewit Plaza  
Omaha, NE 68131

Form 13F File Number: 28-4545

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Marc D. Hamburg  
Title: Vice President  
Phone: 402-346-1400

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

(s) Marc D. Hamburg	Omaha, NE	November 14, 2008
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[Signature]	[City, State]	[Date]

Report Type (Check only one.):

- 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)
- 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

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General Re - New England Asset Management, Inc.

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SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 21  
 Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 109  
 Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$69,889,879  
 (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

[If there are no entries in this list, state "NONE" and omit the column headings and list entries.]

NO.	FORM 13F FILE NUMBER	NAME
1.	28-5678	Berkshire Hathaway Life Insurance Co. of Nebraska
2.	28-10388	BH Columbia Inc.
3.	28-719	Blue Chip Stamps
4.	28-554	Buffett, Warren E.
5.	28-1517	Columbia Insurance Co.
6.	28-2226	Cornhusker Casualty Co.
7.	28-06102	Cypress Insurance Company
8.	28-11217	Fechheimer Brothers Company
9.	28-	GEC Investment Managers
10.	28-852	GEICO Corp.
11.	28-101	Government Employees Ins. Corp.
12.	28-	Medical Protective Corp.
13.	28-1066	National Fire & Marine
14.	28-718	National Indemnity Co.
15.	28-5006	National Liability & Fire Ins. Co.
16.	28-11222	Nebraska Furniture Mart
17.	28-717	OBH Inc.
18.	28-	U.S. Investment Corp.
19.	28-1357	Wesco Financial Corp.
20.	28-3091	Wesco Financial Ins. Co.
21.	28-3105	Wesco Holdings Midwest, Inc.

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Co
					Investment Discretion	

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Name of Issuer	Title of Class	CUSIP Number	Market	Shares or	-----		O
			Value (In Thousands)	Principal Amount \$	(a) Shared- Sole	(b) Shared- Defined	
American Express Co.	Com	025816 10 9	610,296	17,225,400		X	4, 2, 5, 1
			283,250	7,994,634		X	4, 13, 17
			4,260,666	120,255,879		X	4, 14, 17
			68,844	1,943,100		X	4, 3, 17,
			49,592	1,399,713		X	4, 16, 17
			29,755	839,832		X	4, 8, 17
Anheuser Busch Cos. Inc.	Com	035229 10 3	69,164	1,952,142		X	4, 17
			885,794	13,652,800		X	4, 14, 17
Bank of America Corp.	Com	060505 10 4	12,470	192,200		X	4, 18
			175,000	5,000,000		X	4, 9, 10,
Burlington Northern Santa Fe	Com	12189T 10 4	5,895,686	63,785,418		X	4, 14, 17
Carmax Inc.	Com	143130 10 2	258,217	18,444,100		X	4, 9, 10,
Coca Cola	Com	191216 10 0	21,152	400,000		X	4, 17
			93,915	1,776,000		X	4, 15, 17
			381,032	7,205,600		X	4, 3, 17,
			2,122,688	40,141,600		X	4, 2, 5, 1
			7,400,323	139,945,600		X	4, 14, 17
			483,281	9,139,200		X	4, 13, 17
Comcast Corp	CLA SPL	20030N 20 0	25,382	480,000		X	4, 16, 17
			48,227	912,000		X	4, 7, 17
			236,640	12,000,000		X	4, 9, 10,
Comdisco Holding Co.	Com	200334 10 0	11,585	1,218,199		X	4, 14, 17
			2,881	302,963		X	4, 2, 5, 1
			164	17,215		X	4, 13, 17
ConocoPhillips	Com	20825C 10 4	5,563,762	75,955,800		X	4, 14, 17
			146,500	2,000,000		X	4, 13, 17
			439,500	6,000,000		X	4, 9, 10,
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Com	22160K 10 5	341,142	5,254,000		X	4, 14, 17
Eaton Corporation	Com	278058 10 2	163,411	2,908,700		X	4, 9, 10,
Gannett Inc.	Com	364730 10 1	58,299	3,447,600		X	4, 14, 17
General Electric Co.	Com	369604 10 3	198,336	7,777,900		X	4
GlaxoSmithKline	ADR	37733W 10 5	65,646	1,510,500		X	4, 14, 17
Home Depot Inc.	Com	437076 10 2	95,793	3,700,000		X	4, 9, 10,
Ingersoll-Rd Company LTD.	CLA	G4776G 10 1	19,824	636,600		X	4
			155,850	5,000,000		X	4, 9, 10,
Iron Mountain Inc.	Com	462846 10 6	82,315	3,372,200		X	4, 9, 10,
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			30,756,382				
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Name of Issuer	Title of Class	CUSIP Number	Market Value (In Thousands)	Shares or Principal Amount \$	Discretion		O
					(a) Sole	(b) Shared-Defined	
Johnson & Johnson	Com	478160 10 4	299,463	4,322,500		X	4
			1,404,049	20,266,300		X	4, 2, 5,
			1,828,032	26,386,148		X	4, 14, 17
			22,537	325,300		X	4, 3, 17,
			629,561	9,087,200		X	4, 13, 17
			54,870	792,000		X	4, 2, 5,
Kraft Foods Inc.	Com	50075N 10 4	39,836	575,000		X	4, 18
			2,922,034	89,222,400		X	4, 14, 17
			1,008,382	30,790,300		X	4, 2, 5,
			327,500	10,000,000		X	4, 3, 17,
			8,508	259,800		X	4, 2, 5,
			262,000	8,000,000		X	4
Lowes Companies Inc.	Com	548661 10 7	153,985	6,500,000		X	4, 9, 10,
M & T Bank Corporation	Com	55261F 10 4	535,800	6,003,360		X	4, 14, 17
			48,730	546,000		X	4, 9, 10,
			14,789	165,700		X	4, 13, 17
Moody's	Com	615369 10 5	1,097,540	32,280,600		X	4, 14, 17
NRG Energy, Inc.	Com	629377 50 8	534,460	15,719,400		X	4, 9, 10,
			123,750	5,000,000		X	4, 9, 10,
Nike Inc.	Com	654106 10 3	511,183	7,641,000		X	4, 9, 10,
Norfolk Southern Corp.	Com	655844 10 8	127,984	1,933,000		X	4, 2, 5,
			4,076,865	58,500,000		X	4, 14, 17
Procter & Gamble Co.	Com	742718 10 9	1,515,897	21,752,000		X	4, 2, 5,
			434,866	6,240,000		X	4, 13, 17
			498,597	7,154,500		X	4, 3, 17,
			54,358	780,000		X	4, 15, 17
			108,716	1,560,000		X	4, 7, 17
			382,284	5,485,500		X	4, 9, 10,
			304,894	4,375,000		X	4
			16,057	488,500		X	4, 9, 10,
			95,196	2,896,133		X	4, 14, 17
			5,565	169,300		X	4, 13, 17
Sanofi Aventis	ADR	80105N 10 5	11,505	350,000		X	4, 2, 5,
			105,484	2,344,600		X	4, 14, 17
			38,691	860,000		X	4, 2, 5,
Sun Trusts Banks Inc.	Com	867914 10 3	4,638	77,551		X	1, 4, 14,
			26,894	449,728		X	4, 2, 5,
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027 10 4	99,083	1,656,900		X	4, 14, 17
			38,254	639,700		X	4, 13, 17
			19,772,837				

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US Bancorp	Com	902973 30 4	839,529	23,307,300		X	4, 2, 5,
			942,086	26,154,526		X	4, 14, 17
			301,307	8,365,000		X	4
			360,200	10,000,000		X	4, 3, 17,
			78,307	2,174,000		X	4, 2, 5,
			62,855	1,745,000		X	4, 18
USG Corporation	Com	903293 40 5	437,048	17,072,192		X	4, 9, 10,
Union Pacific Corp.	Com	907818 10 8	633,751	8,906,000		X	4, 14, 17
United Parcel Service Inc.	Com	911312 10 6	89,882	1,429,200		X	4, 2, 5,
United Health Group Inc.	Com	91324P 10 2	161,986	6,379,900		X	4
Wabco Holdings Inc.	Com	92927K 10 2	95,958	2,700,000		X	4, 9, 10,
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	Com	931142 10 3	1,137,808	18,998,300		X	4, 9, 10,
			56,656	946,000		X	4, 14, 17
Washington Post Co.	Cl B	939640 10 8	497,913	894,304		X	4, 5, 1,
			82,574	148,311		X	4, 13, 17
			360,872	648,165		X	4, 15, 17
Wells Fargo & Co. Del	Com	949746 10 1	2,007,458	53,489,420		X	4, 14, 17
			474,499	12,643,200		X	4, 2, 5,
			1,437,888	38,313,040		X	4, 3, 17,
			104,634	2,788,000		X	4, 13, 17
			37,530	1,000,000		X	4, 15, 17
			4,854,291	129,344,288		X	4, 17
			60,413	1,609,720		X	4, 14, 17
			63,801	1,700,000		X	4, 16, 17
			30,775	820,000		X	4, 8, 17
			750,600	20,000,000		X	4, 7, 17
			600,480	16,000,000		X	4, 9, 10,
			300,240	8,000,000		X	4, 1, 6,
			101,331	2,700,000		X	4
			75,060	2,000,000		X	4, 2, 5,
Wellpoint Inc.	Com	949773V 10 7	223,424	4,777,300		X	4, 18
Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817 10 6	2,036,002	5,703,087		X	4, 9, 10,
			19,360,660				4, 3, 17
GRAND TOTAL			\$69,889,879				