

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC  
Form 8-K  
January 24, 2012

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) January 24, 2012

**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE  
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION

OF INCORPORATION)

3555 Farnam Street

001-14905  
(COMMISSION

FILE NUMBER)

47-0813844  
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER

IDENTIFICATION NO.)

68131

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**Omaha, Nebraska**  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

**(402) 346-1400**

**(ZIP CODE)**

**REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE**

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**ITEM 8.01. Other Events.**

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.'s ratio of consolidated earnings to consolidated fixed charges for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 is as follows:

**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.****Calculation of Ratio of Consolidated Earnings to Consolidated Fixed Charges****(Dollars in millions)**

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011</b>		<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	
Net earnings attributable to Berkshire Hathaway	\$ 7,206	\$ 12,967	\$ 8,055	\$ 4,994	\$ 13,213	\$ 11,015
Income tax expense	3,307	5,607	3,538	1,978	6,594	5,505
Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests	349	527	386	602	354	258
Earnings from equity method investments		(50)	(427)			
Dividends from equity method investees		20	132			
Fixed charges	2,393	3,084	2,279	2,276	2,202	1,979
Earnings available for fixed charges	\$ 13,255	\$ 22,155	\$ 13,963	\$ 9,850	\$ 22,363	\$ 18,757
Fixed charges						
Interest on indebtedness (including amortization of debt discount and expense)	\$ 1,989	\$ 2,558	\$ 1,992	\$ 1,963	\$ 1,910	\$ 1,724
Rentals representing interest and other	404	526	287	313	292	255
	\$ 2,393	\$ 3,084	\$ 2,279	\$ 2,276	\$ 2,202	\$ 1,979
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	5.54 <sup>x</sup>	7.18 <sup>x</sup>	6.13 <sup>x</sup>	4.33 <sup>x</sup>	10.16 <sup>x</sup>	9.48 <sup>x</sup>

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

January 24, 2012

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.

/s/ Marc D. Hamburg

By: Marc D. Hamburg

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer