

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC

Form 8-K

December 17, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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)

December 14, 2004

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**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.**

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(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

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001-14905

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47-0813844

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(STATE OR OTHER  
JURISDICTION  
OF INCORPORATION)

(COMMISSION  
FILE NUMBER)

(I.R.S. EMPLOYER  
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

1440 Kiewit Plaza  
Omaha, Nebraska

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68131

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(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

(ZIP CODE)

(402) 346-1400

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REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE

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ITEM 5.02(d) Election of Directors

On December 14, 2004, Berkshire Hathaway Inc.'s Board of Directors voted to elect William H. Gates III to serve as a director of the Corporation. At the time of this filing, the committees of the Board that Mr. Gates will serve has not been determined. Mr. Gates is Chief Software Architect, Chairman of the Board and a principal shareholder of Microsoft Corporation. At the time of the filing, the amount of transactions between Berkshire Hathaway Inc. and Microsoft Corporation during 2004 has not been determined.

A copy of the press release announcing the election of Mr. Gates to the Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Board of Directors is attached hereto as an exhibit (99.1).

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99.1 Press Release issued on December 14, 2004

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.

December 17, 2004

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.

/s/ Marc D. Hamburg

By: Marc D. Hamburg

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer