

GENERAL REINSURANCE CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Symetra Financial CORP [SYA] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 3555 FARNAM STREET | | | | (Check all applicable) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (Street) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| OMAHA,Â NEÂ 68131 | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 17,400,000 | I | See footnote 1 ⁽¹⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Warrant (right to buy) | Â (2) | 08/02/2014 | Common Stock 9,487,872 \$ 11.49 | I | See footnote 1. (1) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC 3555 FARNAM STREET OMAHA, NE 68131 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |
| BUFFETT WARREN E 3555 FARNAM STREET OMAHA, NE 68131 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |
| GENERAL RE CORP 1440 KIEWIT PLAZA OMAHA, NE 68131 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |
| GENERAL REINSURANCE CORP 1440 KIEWIT PLAZA OMAHA, NE 68131 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |

Signatures

Berkshire Hathaway Inc., by Marc D.
Hamburg

01/21/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

These securities are owned directly by General Reinsurance Corporation ("GRC"), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of General Re Corporation ("Gen Re"), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. As Berkshire and Gen Re are in the chain of ownership of GRC, each of Berkshire and Gen Re may be deemed presently to both beneficially own and have a pecuniary interest in all

(1) shares of Symetra Financial Corporation common stock presently owned by GRC. Warren E. Buffett, as the controlling stockholder of Berkshire, may be deemed presently to beneficially own, but only to the extent he has a pecuniary interest in, the shares of Symetra Financial Corporation common stock presently owned by GRC. Mr. Buffett disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(2) The warrant is currently exercisable.

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