

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$64.97	04/27/2009		A	72,800	(3)	04/27/2019	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	72,800	\$ 0	72,800	D
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LANIGAN JOHN P JR Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation 2650 Lou Menk Drive Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830			EVP & Chief Marketing Officer	

Signatures

John P. Lanigan, Jr., by Judy K. Carter, Attorney-in-Fact

04/29/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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- (1) The reporting person received a grant of 6,750 time-based restricted stock units on April 27, 2006 pursuant to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe 1999 Stock Incentive Plan. The reporting person elected to surrender 2,460 shares to satisfy tax withholding liabilities incident to the lapse of restrictions on the restricted stock units on April 27, 2009.
- (2) The reporting person elected to surrender 3,148 shares upon vesting of 6,750 performance-based restricted stock units and 1,890 shares of performance stock to satisfy tax withholding liabilities.
- (3) Stock option grant with tandem withholding rights pursuant to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe 1999 Stock Incentive Plan, which vests in three equal installments on April 27, 2010, April 27, 2011, and April 27, 2012.

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