

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC
Form SC 13D/A
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

(Rule 13d-101)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)**

(Amendment No. 8)¹

THE GILLETTE COMPANY

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$1.00 PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

375766102

(CUSIP Number)

MARC D. HAMBURG

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.

1440 KIEWIT PLAZA

OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68131

(402) 346-1400

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 27, 2005

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box. "

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF, BK

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f) ..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware corporation

7 ☐ SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 ☐ SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 100,980,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 ☐ SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 ☐ SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

100,980,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

100,980,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

..

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

10.2% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

* See instructions before filling out!

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OBH, Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x

(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f)

..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware corporation

7 ☐ SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 ☐ SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 100,980,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 ☐ SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 ☐ SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

100,980,000 (see Item 5)

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100,980,000 (see Item 5)

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10.2% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

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National Indemnity Company

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC, AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f) ..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Nebraska corporation

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 64,980,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

64,980,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

64,980,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

6.6% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IC

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GEICO Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x

(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f)

..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware corporation

7 ☐ SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 ☐ SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 4,980,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 ☐ SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 ☐ SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

4,980,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,980,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.5% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

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Government Employees Insurance Company

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC, AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f) ..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Maryland corporation

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 4,980,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

4,980,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,980,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.5% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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National Fire and Marine Insurance Company

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC, AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f) ..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Nebraska corporation

7 ☐ SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 ☐ SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 6,400,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 ☐ SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 ☐ SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,400,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,400,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.7% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IC

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Columbia Insurance Company

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f) ..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Nebraska corporation

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 20,800,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

20,800,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

20,800,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

2.1% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IC

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BH Columbia Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x

(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f)

..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Nebraska corporation

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 20,800,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

20,800,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

20,800,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

2.1% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

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National Liability & Fire Insurance Company

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f)

..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Illinois corporation

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 800,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

800,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

800,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.1% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IC

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Cypress Insurance Company

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x

(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

California corporation

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 1,600,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,600,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,600,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.2% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IC

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Wesco Financial Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f) ..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Nebraska corporation

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 6,400,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,400,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,400,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.7% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

CO

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Wesco Holdings Midwest, Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x

(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f)

..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Nebraska corporation

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 6,400,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,400,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,400,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.7% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

CO

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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Blue Chip Stamps

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x

(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f)

..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

California corporation

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 6,400,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,400,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,400,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

..

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.7% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

CO

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Wesco-Financial Insurance Company

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC, AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f) ..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Nebraska corporation

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 6,400,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,400,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,400,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.7% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IC

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Warren E. Buffett

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x

(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF, PF, OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(e) or 2(f)

..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

U.S. citizen

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0 (see Item 5)

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 100,980,000 (see Item 5)

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0 (see Item 5)

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

100,980,000 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

100,980,000 (see Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

..

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

10.2% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IN

* See instructions before filling out!

This Amendment No. 8 is filed with respect to the Common Stock of The Gillette Company (Gillette), solely to report the Gillette Common Stock ownership and transaction information required by Item 5 of this Schedule 13D with respect to the executive officers and directors of the Reporting Persons (as defined herein) that was not available at the time Amendment No. 7 to this Schedule 13D was filed on January 28, 2005.

Item 5 of this Schedule 13D is amended to replace sections (a)-(b) with the following:

(a)-(b) The following table sets forth the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock held of record by each Reporting Person and the approximate percentage of the outstanding Common Stock such shares represent:

Reporting Person	Shares	Approximate Percentage²
NICO	60,000,000	6.1%
NFMIC	6,400,000	0.7%
Columbia	20,800,000	2.1%
NLFIC	800,000	0.1%
Cypress	1,600,000	0.2%
WFIC	6,400,000	0.7%
Government Employees Insurance Company	4,980,000	0.5%

Reporting Persons not listed in the table above do not hold any Common Stock of record. However, such Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own some or all of the Common Stock listed in the table above by virtue of their ownership or control of the Reporting Persons which hold Common Stock of

² Calculation of percentage ownership herein is based on 990,111,879 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of January 25, 2005, as reported to Berkshire Hathaway by Gillette.

record and National Indemnity Company may be deemed to beneficially own the Common Stock owned of record by Government Employees Insurance Company.³ In particular, each Reporting Person listed in the table above may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares of Common Stock held of record by such Reporting Person with each other Reporting Person that is within the same chain of ownership or control of such Reporting Person.

Berkshire, as the ultimate parent of the Berkshire Entities, thus may be deemed to beneficially own, and may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over, in the aggregate, 100,980,000 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 10.2% of the outstanding Common Stock.

Because Mr. Buffett may be deemed to control Berkshire, he may be deemed to beneficially own, and may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over, the 100,980,000 shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Berkshire. Accordingly, Mr. Buffett may be deemed to beneficially own, in the aggregate, 100,980,000 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 10.2% of the outstanding Common Stock.

Other than as set forth above, none of the Reporting Persons beneficially own any Common Stock.

David S. Gottesman, a director of Berkshire, himself does not own any shares of Gillette, but by virtue of his position as a senior managing director of First Manhattan Co., he may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 778,025 shares (or 0.1% of the outstanding Common Stock) held in customer accounts at First Manhattan Co. as to which he may be deemed to have shared power to vote and/or shared power of disposition.

Robert E. Denham, a director of Wesco Financial Corporation, beneficially owns 7,200 shares of Gillette Common Stock (or less than 0.1% of the outstanding Common Stock). Mr. Denham has sole voting and dispositive power over such shares.

Item 5(c) of this Schedule 13D is amended to add the following:

(c) Government Employees Insurance Company acquired 2,000,000 shares of Gillette Common Stock on February 2, 2005 in a privately negotiated transaction with a single seller at a price of \$50.71 per share.

No other Reporting Person acquired any shares of Gillette Common Stock during the past 60 days.

During the past 60 days, the following sales of shares of Gillette were effected in open market transactions in customer accounts at First Manhattan Co. as to which David S. Gottesman may be deemed to have shared power to vote and/or shared power of disposition:

1,000 shares at \$44.45 per share on December 7, 2004

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120 shares at \$44.64 per share on January 3, 2005

300 shares at \$44.70 per share on January 14, 2005

1,500 shares at \$44.88 per share on January 20, 2005

85 shares at \$50.22 per share on February 1, 2005

ITEM 7. MATERIALS TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
E	Agreement to File Schedule 13D Jointly, among the Reporting Persons.
F	Certain information about the Executive Officers and Directors of the Reporting Persons (as restated to update as of the date of this amendment).

³ As mentioned previously in Item 2 hereof, (i) WFIC is wholly owned subsidiary of Wesco Holdings; (ii) Wesco Holdings is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wesco; (iii) Wesco is an 80.1%-owned subsidiary of Blue Chip; (iv) Columbia is a wholly owned subsidiary of BH Columbia; (v) Government Employees Insurance Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of GEICO Corporation; (vi) GEICO Corporation is a majority owned subsidiary of NICO; (vii) each of Blue Chip, BH Columbia, Government Employees Insurance Company, GEICO Corporation, NICO, NFMIC, NLFIC and Cypress is a wholly owned subsidiary of OBH; (viii) OBH is a wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire; and (ix) Mr. Buffett may be deemed to control Berkshire.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

Dated: February 4, 2005

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
E	Agreement to File Schedule 13D Jointly, among the Reporting Persons.
F	Certain information about the Executive Officers and Directors of the Reporting Persons (as restated to update as of the date of this amendment).