

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC
Form SC 13D/A
August 26, 2010

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(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. 9)

WESCO FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

950817106

(CUSIP Number)

MARC D. HAMBURG

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.

3555 FARNAM STREET

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

AUGUST 25, 2010

(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. "

Note. Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

¹ The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page. The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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) (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

U.S. citizen

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

SHARES 0 (see Item 5)
8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 5,703,087 (see Item 5)
EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0 (see Item 5)
10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

5,703,087 (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

12 5,703,087 (see Item 5)
CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* ..

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

14 80.1% (see Item 5)
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IN

* See instructions before filling out!

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

2 Berkshire Hathaway Inc.
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(a) (b)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware corporation
7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

SHARES 0
8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

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HC, CO

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OBH LLC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware limited liability company

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

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HC, OO

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Blue Chip Stamps

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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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

5,703,087 (see Item 5)

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This Amendment No. 9 to Schedule 13D is filed with respect to 5,703,087 shares (the Shares) of the common stock of Wesco Financial Corporation (Wesco) held by Blue Chip Stamps (Blue Chip). Blue Chip is a wholly owned subsidiary of OBH LLC (OBH), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (Berkshire). Blue Chip, OBH and Berkshire are referred to herein collectively as the Berkshire Entities. Amendment No. 8 to the Schedule 13D was filed on July 28, 1983.

Item 1. Security and Issuer

The name of the subject company is Wesco Financial Corporation, and the address of its principal executive office is 301 East Colorado Boulevard, Suite 300, Pasadena, California 91101. The class of securities to which this Amendment No. 9 relates is the common stock of Wesco, par value \$1.00 per share (the Common Stock).

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a)-(c); (f) This Amendment No. 9 is filed by the Berkshire Entities and Mr. Buffett, who may be deemed to control the Berkshire Entities. The information concerning the name, state or other place of organization, principal business, and the address of the principal office of each of the Berkshire Entities, and the information concerning the name, business address, present principal occupation or employment, and the name, principal business address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment or occupation is conducted, and the citizenship of Mr. Buffett and each of the executive officers and directors of the Berkshire Entities is filed as Appendix 1 hereto.

(d); (e) During the last five years, none of the Berkshire Entities or Mr. Buffett, or, to their knowledge, any of the directors or executive officers of the Berkshire Entities, has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree, or final order enjoining future violation of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The aggregate amount of funds expended to acquire the Shares was \$30,891,861. Cash available in the businesses of Berkshire and certain of its subsidiaries was used for such purpose, and no borrowed funds were involved.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The original purpose of the purchases of the Shares, all of which occurred more than 30 years ago, was to increase the ultimate control by Blue Chip of Wesco. On August 25, 2010, Berkshire's management determined to propose to Wesco a cash-stock election transaction in which it would acquire the remaining 19.9% of the shares of Wesco that it does not presently own in exchange for Berkshire Class B shares and/or cash valued at the book value per share of Wesco as of a time reasonably contemporaneous with the closing of such a transaction. Berkshire would intend to structure such a transaction so as to be tax-free to Wesco shareholders electing stock, subject to applicable limitations. Berkshire expects to discuss such a transaction with the independent directors of Wesco. Berkshire would only proceed with such a transaction if it is approved by the Board of Directors of Berkshire and the Board of Directors of Wesco (including a majority of the independent directors of Wesco), as well as by a majority of the shares of Wesco not owned by Berkshire voted at any meeting that may be called to consider such a transaction. Berkshire does not know whether any of these approvals will be obtained. If no transaction is agreed upon and approved, Wesco will continue to operate as it does presently as an 80.1%-owned subsidiary of Berkshire.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) Blue Chip is the holder of record of the 5,703,087 Shares, which constitute 80.1% of Wesco's outstanding Common Stock. Mr. Buffett may be deemed to control Berkshire, which controls Blue Chip. Thus, both Mr. Buffett and Berkshire may be considered to have beneficial ownership of the Shares. OBH, a direct subsidiary of Berkshire and the direct parent company of Blue Chip, also may be considered to have beneficial ownership of the Shares.

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William H. Gates, a director of Berkshire, beneficially owns 89,972 shares of Wesco Common Stock held by Cascade Investment, L.L.C. (Cascade), which represents approximately 1.26% of Wesco s outstanding Common Stock.

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(b) Blue Chip has both voting and investment power with respect to the Shares. However, Mr. Buffett, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Berkshire, may be deemed to control Blue Chip. Thus, Mr. Buffett, Berkshire and OBH share voting power and investment power with respect to the Shares.

Mr. Gates has sole voting and dispositive power over the shares of Wesco's Common Stock owned by Cascade.

(c) None of the Berkshire Entities or Mr. Buffett or, to their knowledge, any executive officer or director of the Berkshire Entities, has engaged in any transaction in any shares of Wesco Common Stock during the sixty days immediately preceding the date hereof.

(d); (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

None, except as described above.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
(A)	Joint Filing Agreement required by Rule 13d-1(k)(1)

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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 Amendment No. 9 to Statement on Schedule 13D is true, complete, and correct.

Dated: August 26, 2010

WARREN E. BUFFETT

/s/ WARREN E. BUFFETT

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.

By: /s/ MARC D. HAMBURG

Name: Marc D. Hamburg

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

OBH LLC

By: /s/ MARC D. HAMBURG

Name: Marc D. Hamburg

Title: Vice President and Treasurer

BLUE CHIP STAMPS

By: /s/ CHARLES T. MUNGER

Name: Charles T. Munger

Title: Chief Executive Officer

CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE REPORTING PERSONS**AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE REPORTING PERSONS**

Set forth below is information about (i) the name, state of organization, principal business, and the address of the principal office of each of the Berkshire Entities and (ii) the name and title of each executive officer and director of the Berkshire Entities, his or her business address, and his or her present principal occupation or employment, and the name, principal business, and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted. Each natural person listed below is a citizen of the United States.

(1) Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Berkshire Hathaway Inc., a Delaware corporation (Berkshire), is a holding company engaged through its subsidiaries in a number of diverse businesses, the most important of which is property and casualty insurance and reinsurance offered on both a direct and reinsurance basis through its insurance subsidiaries. The principal office of Berkshire is located at 3555 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. The executive officers of Berkshire are Warren E. Buffett, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Charles T. Munger, Vice Chairman, and Marc D. Hamburg, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. The directors of Berkshire are Warren E. Buffett, Charles T. Munger, Howard G. Buffett, Stephen B. Burke, Susan L. Decker, William H. Gates, David S. Gottesman, Charlotte Guyman, Donald R. Keough, Thomas S. Murphy, Ronald L. Olson, and Walter Scott, Jr.

(2) OBH LLC

OBH LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (OBH), is an intermediate holding company which is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire. The principal office of OBH is located at 3555 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. The executive officers of OBH are Warren E. Buffett, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Charles T. Munger, Vice Chairman, and Marc D. Hamburg, Vice President and Treasurer. The managers of OBH are Warren E. Buffett, Marc D. Hamburg, and Forrest N. Krutter.

(3) Blue Chip Stamps

Blue Chip Stamps, a California corporation (Blue Chip), is an intermediate holding company which is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of OBH. It is also engaged in the trading stamp business. The principal office of Blue Chip is located at 301 East Colorado Boulevard, Suite 300, Pasadena, California 91101. The executive officers of Blue Chip are Charles T. Munger, Chief Executive Officer, Robert H. Bird, President, Jeffrey L. Jacobson, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Christopher M. Greco, Treasurer. The directors of Blue Chip are Charles T. Munger, Robert H. Bird and Jeffrey L. Jacobson.

Name	Principal Occupation	Business Address
Robert H. Bird	President of Blue Chip	301 East Colorado Blvd., Suite 300, Pasadena, California 91101
Howard G. Buffett	President of Buffett Farms, a family farm in Illinois and a farm in Nebraska	407 Southmoreland Place, Decatur, Illinois 62521
Warren E. Buffett	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Berkshire	3555 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131
Stephen B. Burke	Chief Operating Officer of Comcast Corporation, a cable	One Comcast Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

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Susan L. Decker	television and media company Entrepreneur-in-Residence at	Soldiers Field, Boston, Massachusetts 02163
William H. Gates	Harvard Business School Chairman of the Board of Directors of Microsoft Corporation, a software Company	One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98032

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Name	Principal Occupation	Business Address
David S. Gottesman	Senior Managing Director of First Manhattan Company, an investment advisory firm	437 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022
Christopher M. Greco	Treasurer of Wesco	301 East Colorado Blvd., Suite 300, Pasadena, California 91101
Charlotte Guyman	Chairman of Board of Directors of UW Medicine, an academic medical center	1127 Evergreen Point Road, Medina, WA 98039
Jeffrey L. Jacobson	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Wesco	301 East Colorado Blvd., Suite 300, Pasadena, California 91101
Marc D. Hamburg	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Berkshire	3555 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131
Donald R. Keough	Chairman of Allen & Company Incorporated, an investment banking firm	DMK International, 200 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339
Forrest N. Krutter	Secretary of Berkshire	3555 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131
Charles T. Munger	Vice Chairman of Berkshire	355 South Grand Avenue, 34 th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071
Thomas S. Murphy	Former Chairman and CEO Of Capital Cities/ABC	c/o ABC Inc., 77 West 66 th Street, New York, New York 10023
Ronald L. Olson	Partner in the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP	355 South Grand Avenue, 35 th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071
Walter Scott, Jr.	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Level 3 Communications, Inc., which is engaged in telecommunications and computer outsourcing	1025 El Dorado Boulevard, Broomfield, Colorado 80021

AGREEMENT TO FILE SCHEDULE 13D JOINTLY

(as required by Item 7 of Schedule 13D)

The undersigned persons hereby agree that reports on Schedule 13D, and any amendments thereto, may be filed in a single statement on behalf of all such persons, and further, each such person designates Marc D. Hamburg as its agent and attorney-in-fact for the purpose of executing any and all such reports required to be made by it with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dated: August 26, 2010

WARREN E. BUFFETT

/s/ WARREN E. BUFFETT

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.

By: */s/ MARC D. HAMBURG*

Name: Marc D. Hamburg

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BLUE CHIP STAMPS

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