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Form 8-K December 15, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

> 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, 2006

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-51584 04-3510455 Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission incorporation) File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) 01201 24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 5.02(D) DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;

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On December 14, 2006, the Board of Directors of Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), the holding company for Berkshire Bank (the "Bank"), announced the appointment of Rodney C. Dimock as a member of the Boards of Directors of both the Company and the Bank, effective immediately. Mr. Dimock has been appointed to the Risk Management Committee of both the Company and Bank.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

Also on December 14, 2006, the Company announced earnings guidance and that it has suspended plans for its common stock offering.

A copy of the press release announcing the director appointment, earnings guidance and suspension of the common stock offering is included as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired: Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information: Not applicable
- (c) Shell Company Transactions: Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits

Number Description
----99.1 Press Release Dated December 14, 2006

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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.

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

Dated: December 15, 2006 By: /s/ John S. Millet

John S. Millet

Interim Chief Financial Officer