

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

Form 4

October 29, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Phelps David E

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP
INC [BHLB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

24 NORTH STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/29/2008

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/29/2008		P	100 A \$ 24.14	1,017 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock	10/29/2008		P	400 A \$ 24.15	1,417 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock					640	I	By IRA
Common Stock					333 ⁽³⁾	I	By Stock Award ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					1,346	I	By Stock Award III ⁽²⁾

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Phelps David E 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201	X			

Signatures

/s/ Kevin Riley, pursuant to power of attorney 10/29/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).

- (1) Stock Awards granted pursuant to Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments beginning on October 4, 2007.
- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2008 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2009.
- (3) Since the reporting person's last report 333 shares previously held through Stock Award have vested and are now owned directly.

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