

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount Price                                 |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/29/2008                           |  | P                              | 100 A \$ 24.14  | 1,017 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/29/2008                           |  | P                              | 400 A \$ 24.15  | 1,417 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 640   | I  | By IRA                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 333 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | By Stock Award <sup>(1)</sup>     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,346   | I  | By Stock Award III <sup>(2)</sup> |

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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<br>24 NORTH STREET<br>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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