

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 \*  
**WELLS ROBERT A**

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)  
 05/15/2006

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/15/2006		M		5,000	A	\$ 16.75
Common Stock	05/15/2006		S		1,195	D	\$ 34.01
Common Stock	05/15/2006		S		499	D	\$ 34.03
Common Stock	05/15/2006		S		100	D	\$ 34.04
Common Stock	05/15/2006		S		198	D	\$ 34.05
							34,632
							33,437
							32,938
							32,838
							32,640

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Common Stock	05/15/2006	S	398	D	\$ 34.06	32,242	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2006	S	99	D	\$ 34.07	32,143	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2006	S	381	D	\$ 34.1	31,762	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2006	S	400	D	\$ 34.14	31,362	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2006	S	1,032	D	\$ 34.15	30,330	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2006	S	99	D	\$ 34.17	30,231	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2006	S	400	D	\$ 34.18	29,831	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2006	S	99	D	\$ 34.19	29,732	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2006	S	100	D	\$ 34.2	29,632	D	
Common Stock						20,659	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock						3,375	I	By IRA
Common Stock						3,410	I	By Spouse
Common Stock						287	I	By Stock Award II (1)
Common Stock						1,000	I	By Stock Award III

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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(D)  
(Instr. 3, 4,  
and 5)

	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of Sha		
Stock Option (right-to-buy)		\$ 16.75		05/15/2006	M	5,000	01/30/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/30/2011	Common Stock	5
Stock Option (right-to-buy)		\$ 37.8					01/30/2007	01/30/2014	Common Stock	4

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELLS ROBERT A 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201		X		

## Signatures

By: /s/ Gerald A. Denmark, Power of Attorney  
Date: 05/16/2006

\_\_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 the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan will vest on January 30, 2007.
- (2) Stock Options are fully vested and exercisable.

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