

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

October 30, 2015

**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): **October 27, 2015**

**BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)  
of Incorporation)

**001-15781**  
(Commission File No.)

**04-3510455**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**01201**  
(Zip Code)

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

**Not Applicable**

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01**

**Other Events**

On October 27, 2015, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the Company), Berkshire Bank, Parke Bank (Parke) and 44 Business Capital, LLC (44 Business Capital) signed a purchase and assumption agreement under which Berkshire Bank will acquire the business model of 44 Business Capital and certain related assets of Parke's SBA 7(a) program operations.

The Company's news release announcing the purchase and assumption agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**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.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	News Release dated October 30, 2015

**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.**

DATE: October 30, 2015

By: /s/ Wm. Gordon Prescott  
Wm. Gordon Prescott  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel