

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/18/2005

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

24 NORTH STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | 02/18/2005 | | G | 35 D \$ 0 | 24,511 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/16/2005 | | G | 2,310 D \$ 0 | 29,632 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/16/2005 | | G | 2,310 A \$ 0 | 3,410 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | 20,659 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,375 ⁽²⁾ | I | By IRA |

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|--------------|-------|---|-----------------------|
| Common Stock | 287 | I | By Stock Award II (3) |
| 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 (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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right-to-buy) | \$ 16.75 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 01/30/2002 ⁽⁴⁾ Expiration Date: 01/30/2011 | Common Stock | 30,41 |
| Stock Option (right-to-buy) | \$ 37.8 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 01/30/2007 Expiration Date: 01/30/2014 | Common Stock | 495 |

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 03/27/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- (1) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Reflects the transfer of 3,375 shares that were previously owned through the ESOP, which were rolled over into an IRA.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan will vest on January 30, 2007.
- (4) Stock Options are fully vested and exercisable.

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