

PATENAUDE WAYNE F
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 PATENAUDE WAYNE F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC [(BHL)]

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)
 08/18/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, CFO and Treasurer

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 | 08/18/2005 | | P | 500 A \$ 32.45 | 4,313 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 778 | I | By ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 300 | I | By IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 950 | I | By Spouse IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,000 | I | By Stock Award ⁽¹⁾ |

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|--------------|--|-------|---|-----------------------|
| Common Stock | | 1,000 | I | By Stock Award II (2) |
| Common Stock | | 2,055 | 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) | \$ 22.95 | | | | | 02/24/2004 ⁽³⁾ 02/24/2013 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Stock Option (right-to-buy) | \$ 37.8 | | | | | 01/30/2006 01/30/2014 | Common Stock | 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PATENAUDE WAYNE F 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201 | | | SVP, CFO and Treasurer | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Gerald A. Denmark, Power of Attorney 08/18/2005

__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. 2001 Stock-Based Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments commencing on February 24, 2004.
- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan will vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2005.
- (3) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Stock-Based Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments commencing on February 24, 2004.

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