

TEMPLETON D JEFFREY
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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 *
TEMPLETON D JEFFREY

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)
12/11/2012

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	12/11/2012		M			3,600	A	\$ 21.6	22,193	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2012		F			3,600	D	\$ 22.99	18,593	D	
Common Stock									604	I	By Stock Award III (1)
Common Stock									628	I	By Stock Award IV (2)
									1,310	I	

Common
Stock

By Stock
Award V
(3)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 21.6	12/11/2012		M	3,600	06/01/2005 01/27/2013	Common Stock	3,600
Stock Options (right-to-buy)	\$ 37.25					06/01/2005 01/30/2014	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (right-to-buy)	\$ 31.2					06/01/2005 06/07/2014	Common Stock	660

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TEMPLETON D JEFFREY 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201		X		

Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, Pursuant to Power of Attorney

12/12/2012

__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 vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2011.
- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2012.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2013.

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