

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC  
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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 [(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)  
 02/24/2006

\_\_\_\_ 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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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	02/24/2006		F	635 D \$ 33.19	6,415 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					778	I	By ESOP
Common Stock					300	I	By IRA
Common Stock					950	I	By Spouse IRA
Common Stock					4,000	I	By Stock Award <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>

Common Stock	500	I	By Stock Award II <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	1,370	I	By Stock Award III <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	2,000	I	By Stock Award IV

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 <sup>(5)</sup> 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

02/28/2006

\_\_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) Since the reporting person's last report, 2,000 shares previously held through Stock Award have vested and are now owned directly.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2006.
- (5) 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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