

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Marotta Richard M

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)
 02/16/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP and Chief Risk Officer

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 or Price		
Common Stock	02/16/2017		A		3,832 (5)	A	\$ 0 38,245 D
Common Stock	02/16/2017		F		1,244	D	\$ 35.45 37,001 D
Common Stock							2,008 I By Stock Award VIII (1)
Common Stock							3,900 I By Stock Award IX (2)
							4,571 I

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- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2017.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2018.
- (4) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

- On January 30, 2014 the reporting person was granted 4,000 shares of restricted stock subject to a three-year cliff vesting schedule and
- (5) subject to the satisfaction of certain performance criteria. The shares vested at 95.8% of target, resulting in the vesting of 3,832 shares of restricted stock, and were transferred to the executive on February 16, 2017.

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