INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Altmeyer John W		2. Date of Event RequiringStatement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC [BHLB]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/18/2013	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
24 NORTH	STREET			(Check	all applicable)		
	(Street)			(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group	
PITTSFIELI	D, MAÂ	01201		X_ Director10% Owner OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below)		r	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr	1	
Common Sto	ock		18,923		D	Â		
Common Sto	ock		4,472		Ι	By S	Spouse	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options	01/27/2012	01/27/2021	Common Stock	4 , 600 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 13.7	D	Â
Stock Options	06/24/2011	06/24/2020	Common Stock	6,804 <u>(2)</u>	\$ 9.85	D	Â
Stock Options	11/26/2009	11/26/2018	Common Stock	20,413	\$ 8.95	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Altmeyer John W 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		
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Signatures

/s/ John W. Altmeyer	03/26/2013		
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 options vest at a rate of 1/3 per year commencing January 27, 2012.
- (2) Stock options vest at a rate of 1/3 per year commencing June 24, 2011.

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