Farrell David B Form 4 January 30, 2006

if no longer

subject to

Section 16.

Form 4 or

obligations

Form 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Check this box

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

OMB APPROVAL

OMB 3235-0287 Number:

January 31,

Expires: 2005 Estimated average

burden hours per response... 0.5

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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 * Farrell David B Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Issuer

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC [(BHLB)]

(Check all applicable) X_ Director

10% Owner

Other (specify

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

below) 01/30/2006

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

(City)

(Street)

(State)

24 NORTH STREET

1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securities on Acquired (A) or	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr 4)	(Instr 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common By Stock 01/30/2006 A 1,000 \$0 1,000 Ι Α Stock Award (1)

Common 1,405 D Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Edgar Filing: Farrell David B - Form 4

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 2. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber Expiration Date Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
Security or Exercise any Code of (Month/Day/Year) Underlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Own
Security Acquired		Follo
(A) or		Repo
Disposed		Trans
of (D)		(Instr
(Instr. 3,		
4, and 5)		
Amour	nt .	
or		
Date Expiration Title Number	r	
Exercisable Date of	1	
Code V (A) (D) Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships				
Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
37				
X				
	Director X	Director 10% Owner	Director 10% Owner Officer	

Signatures

By: /s/ Gerald A. Denmark, Power of 01/30/2006 Attorney

> **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).
- Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2007.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

Reporting Owners 2