

PATENAUDE WAYNE F  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 01/30/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, CFO and Treasurer

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 01/30/2006                           |  | A                              | 2,000 A \$ 0  | 2,000   | I  | By Stock Award IV <u>(1)</u>                          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,498 <u>(2)</u>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 778   | I  | By ESOP   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 300   | I  | By IRA  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 950   | I  | By Spouse IRA   |

|              |                      |   |                                   |
|--------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 6,000                | I | By Stock Award <sup>(3)</sup>     |
| Common Stock | 500 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I | By Stock Award II <sup>(4)</sup>  |
| Common Stock | 1,370 <sup>(2)</sup> | I | By Stock Award III <sup>(5)</sup> |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)                 |   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |                            |
| Stock Option (right-to-buy)                | \$ 22.95   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/24/2004 <sup>(6)</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<br>24 NORTH STREET<br>PITTSFIELD, MA 01201 |               |           | SVP, CFO and Treasurer |       |

## Signatures

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

01/30/2006

\_\_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) 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.
- (2) Since the reporting person's last report, 500 shares and 685 shares previously held through Stock Award II and Stock Award III, respectively, have vested and are now owned directly.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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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