Rainie Shepard D Form 4 February 03, 2009

## FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Rainie Shepard D |          |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP<br>INC [BHLB] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer (Check all applicable)                        |  |  |  |
|---|----------|----------|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) 24 NORTH S   | (First)  | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2009                             | Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Executive Vice President        |  |  |  |
|   | (Street) |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                    | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person |  |  |  |
| PITTSFIELD, MA 01201  |          |          |   | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                              | Zip) Table  | e I - Non                               | -De | erivative :   | Secur            | ities Acq   | uired, Disposed o  | f, or Beneficial   | ly Owned  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----|---|------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |     | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  |             | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|                                      |                                      |   | Code '                                  | V   | Amount  | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price       | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                   |  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 01/30/2009                           |   | F                                       |     | 622   | D                | \$<br>23.52 | 2,955 (6)  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 01/30/2009                           |   | A                                       |     | 1,063   | A                | \$ 0        | 1,063  | I  | By Stock<br>Award IV                                  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 01/30/2009                           |   | A                                       |     | 1,276   | A                | \$ 0        | 1,276  | I  | By Stock<br>Award V                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |                                      |   |   |     |   |                  |             | 593 (6)  | I  | By Stock<br>Award (1)                                 |
|                                      |                                      |   |   |     |   |                  |             | 1,000  | I  |   |

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Common Stock Stock Stock Stock Award II  $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$  Common Stock  $2,094 \stackrel{(6)}{=} I$  Award III  $\stackrel{(3)}{=}$ 

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transact<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |                     | ate                | 7. Titl<br>Amou<br>Under<br>Secur<br>(Instr. | nt of<br>lying                         | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|--|
|   |   |                                      | Code V                               | 7 (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address |          | Relationships |                                 |       |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| • 0                            | Director | 10% Owner     | Officer                         | Other |
| Rainie Shepard D               |          |               |                                 |       |
| 24 NORTH STREET                |          |               | <b>Executive Vice President</b> |       |

### PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

Attorney

Signatures
/s/ Marc P. Levy, Pursuant to Power of
02/03/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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- (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, 2008.
- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on July 1, 2008.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2009.
- (4) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2008 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2010.
- (5) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2008 Equity Compensation Plan vest on January 30, 2010.
- (6) Since the reporting person's last report 594 shares previously held through Stock Award and 1,047 shares previously held through Stock Award III have vested and are now owned directly.

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