

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

Form 4

February 01, 2008

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Barney Thomas W

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)
01/30/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP - Asset Management/Trust

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

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
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/30/2008		F	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 495 D \$ 22.9	5,856 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2008		A	1,683 A \$ 0	1,683	I	By Stock Award III ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					9,463	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					3,000	I	By Stock Award ⁽³⁾
Common Stock					833 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Stock Award II

(4)

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 37.8					01/30/2006	01/30/2014	Common Stock	1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Barney Thomas W 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201			SVP - Asset Management/Trust	

Signatures

By: /s/ Kevin P. Riley, Power of Attorney 02/01/2008

__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) Since the reporting person's last report 833 shares previously held through Stock Award II and 473 shares previously held through Stock Award III have vested and are now owned directly.

(2)

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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.

- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan will vest on April 1, 2009.
- (4) 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.

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