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

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

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 3

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Costello Allan J	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC [BHLB]			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	02/16/2017	4. Relationship of Repo Person(s) to Issuer	orting	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
24 NORTH STREET				•	
(Street)		(Check all applic	cable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group	
PITTSFIELD, MA 01201		Director X Officer (give title below) (specir EVP- Home Ler		Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivative Sec	urities Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		hip Owne (Instr D) ect	-	
Common Stock	7,442	D	Â		
Common Stock	465	Ι	By 4	-01(k)	
Common Stock	2,257	Ι	By S	Stock Award I (1)	
Common Stock	1,432	Ι	By S	Stock Award II (2)	
Common Stock	1,677	Ι	By S	Stock Award III (3)	
Common Stock	774	Ι	By S	Stock Award IV (4)	

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Costello Allan J 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201	Â	Â	EVP- Home Lending	Â			
Signatures							
/s/ Marc P. Levy, pursuant to power of attorney		02/27/2017					

**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 Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest 50% in three equal annual installments commencing on July 1, 2015 with the remaining 50% vesting on July 1, 2017.
- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest 50% in three equal annual installments commencing on April 1, 2016 with the remaining 50% vesting on April 1, 2018.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest 50% in three equal annual installments commencing on April 1, 2017 with the remaining 50% vesting on April 1, 2019.
- (4) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2018.

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