

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
DALY MICHAEL P

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)
04/12/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and CEO

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/12/2006		M	8,254 A \$ 16.75	46,585	D	
Common Stock	04/12/2006		F	4,066 D \$ 34	42,519	D	
Common Stock					30,715 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					5,995 ⁽¹⁾	I	By ESOP
Common Stock					6,141 ⁽¹⁾	I	By SERP

Common Stock	14,052	I	By Stock Award II
Common Stock	1,000	I	By Stock Award III
Common Stock	3,154	I	By Stock Award IV
Common Stock	5,000	I	By Stock Award V

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 16.75	04/12/2006		M	8,254	01/30/2002 ⁽²⁾ 01/30/2011	Common Stock 8
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 22.3					01/30/2004 ⁽³⁾ 01/30/2013	Common Stock 41
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 37.8					01/30/2006 ⁽²⁾ 01/30/2014	Common Stock 6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DALY MICHAEL P 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

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

04/13/2006

__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) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) Stock Options are fully vested and exercisable.
- (3) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Stock-Based Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2004.

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