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BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

Form 8-K April 12, 2005

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
April 12, 2005

Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-15781 (Commission File Number) 04-3510455 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201
-----(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On April 12, 2005, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Woronoco Bancorp, Inc., a Delaware corporation, issued a joint press release, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

 $99.1\,$ Joint press release, dated April 12, 2005, issued by Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. and Woronoco Bancorp, Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

Date: April 12, 2005 By:

/s/ GERALD A. DENMARK

Name: Gerald A. Denmark
Title: Senior Vice President
and General Counsel