

Johnston Linda  
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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 \*  
 Johnston Linda

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)  
 11/18/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP and Chief HR Officer

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	11/18/2010		M		10,348	A	\$ 16.75 15,409
Common Stock	11/18/2010		S		3,736	D	\$ 19.75 11,673
Common Stock	11/18/2010		S		700	D	\$ 19.77 10,973
Common Stock	11/18/2010		S		1,000	D	\$ 19.7703 9,973
Common Stock	11/18/2010		S		100	D	\$ 19.776 9,873

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Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	214	D	\$ 19.78	9,659	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	310	D	\$ 19.79	9,349	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	600	D	\$ 19.8	8,749	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	1	D	\$ 19.81	8,748	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	6	D	\$ 19.82	8,742	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	204	D	\$ 19.85	8,538	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	600	D	\$ 19.8501	7,938	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	100	D	\$ 19.857	7,838	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	1,077	D	\$ 19.88	6,761	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	100	D	\$ 19.8801	6,661	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	100	D	\$ 19.885	6,561	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	300	D	\$ 19.89	6,261	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	400	D	\$ 19.9	5,861	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010	S	800	D	\$ 19.9001	5,061	D	
Common Stock						13,613	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock						748	I	By Stock Award I <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock						708	I	By Stock Award II <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock						1,417	I	By Stock Award III <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock						3,626	I	By Stock Award IV <u>(4)</u>

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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)
Stock Options	\$ 16.75	11/18/2010		M	10,348	01/30/2002 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/30/2011	Common Stock 10,348

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnston Linda 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201			EVP and Chief HR Officer	

### Signatures

/s/ Linda Johnston 11/18/2010

\*\*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) 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.
- (2) Stock awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2010.
- (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, 2010.
- (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, 2011.

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(5) Stock options are fully vested and exercisable.

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