

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Costello Allan J (Last) (First) (Middle) 24 NORTH STREET (Street) PITTSFIELD,Â MAÂ 01201 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC [BHLB]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP- Home Lending	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	7,442	D	Â
Common Stock	465	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock	2,257	I	By Stock Award I ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	1,432	I	By Stock Award II ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	1,677	I	By Stock Award III ⁽³⁾
Common Stock	774	I	By Stock Award IV ⁽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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Costello Allan J 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201	^	^	^ EVP- Home Lending	^

Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, pursuant to power of attorney 02/27/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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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