

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC
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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 *
FAWCETT GAYLE 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)
03/01/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP of Subsidiary Bank

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2006		S	1,600 D \$ 33	9,193	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2006		S	2,000 D \$ 33.25	7,193	D	
Common Stock					9,889 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					5,486 ⁽¹⁾	I	By ESOP
Common Stock					5,944	I	By Stock Award II ⁽²⁾

Common Stock	500	I	By Stock Award III <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	1,370	I	By Stock Award IV <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock	3,000	I	By Stock Award V <u>(5)</u>

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 16.75					01/30/2002 ⁽⁶⁾	01/30/2011	Common Stock	10,23
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 22.3					01/30/2004 ⁽⁷⁾	01/30/2013	Common Stock	9,652
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 37.8					01/30/2006	01/30/2014	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FAWCETT GAYLE P 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201			SVP of Subsidiary Bank	

Signatures

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

03/02/2006

__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 an increase in beneficial ownership resulting from an exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Stock-Based Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2004.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan will vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2005.
- (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, 2006.
- (5) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2007.
- (6) Stock Options are fully vested and exercisable.
- (7) 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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