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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended: June 30, 2012

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

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BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

04-3510455

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

(Address of principal executive offices)

01201

(Zip Code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one)

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act) Yes No

The Registrant had 22,208,105 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding as of August 3, 2012.

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Other liabilities	46,757	43,758
Liabilities from discontinued operations		55,504
Total liabilities	3,924,453	3,437,839
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock (\$.01 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized and 23,824,972 shares issued and 22,169,157 shares outstanding in 2012; 22,860,368 shares issued and 21,147,736 shares outstanding in 2011)	238	229
Additional paid-in capital	516,183	494,304
Unearned compensation	(3,200)	(2,790)
Retained earnings	115,871	109,477
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(4,336)	(4,885)
Treasury stock, at cost (1,655,815 shares in 2012 and 1,712,632 shares in 2011)	(41,486)	(42,970)
Total stockholders' equity	583,270	553,365
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 4,507,723	\$ 3,991,204

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Discontinued operations				(0.03)		
Total basic and diluted earnings per share	\$	0.37	\$	0.11	\$	0.31
Weighted average common shares outstanding:						
Basic		21,742		16,580		15,269
Diluted		21,806		16,601		15,299

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(In thousands)	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net income	\$ 7,986	\$ 1,877	\$ 13,830	\$ 4,712
Other comprehensive income				
Changes in unrealized gainson securities available-for-sale	1,394	878	2,687	1,894
Changes in unrealized (losses) gains on derivative hedges	(2,488)	(816)	(2,204)	436
Changes in unrealized gains on terminated swaps	235	235	471	471
Changes in unrealized losses on pension	(257)		(257)	
Income taxes related to other comprehensive income	672	(103)	(148)	(1,085)
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	(444)	194	549	1,716
Total comprehensive income	\$ 7,542	\$ 2,071	\$ 14,379	\$ 6,428

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Supplemental cash flow information:		
Interest paid on deposits	10,984	11,536
Interest paid on borrowed funds	4,146	4,045
Income taxes (refunded) paid, net	(965)	55
Acquisition of non-cash assets and liabilities:		
Assets acquired	342,786	322,305
Liabilities assumed	(253,155)	(259,524)
Rome stock owned by the Company		668
Other non-cash changes:		
Other net comprehensive income	549	1,716
Real estate owned acquired in settlement of loans	(320)	

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Note: The Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2012 and the cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period includes the cash flows from activities associated with discontinued operations.

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ASU No. 2011-04, Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs. In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04 to provide a consistent definition of fair value and common requirements for the measurement of and disclosure about fair value between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The changes to U.S. GAAP as a result of ASU No. 2011-04 are as follows: (1) The concepts of highest and best use and valuation premise are only relevant when measuring the fair value of nonfinancial assets; (2) U.S. GAAP currently prohibits application of a blockage factor in valuing financial instruments with quoted prices in active markets. ASU No. 2011-04 extends that prohibition to all fair value measurements; (3) An exception is provided to the basic fair value measurement principles for an entity that holds a group of financial assets and financial liabilities with offsetting positions in market risks or counterparty credit risk that are managed on the basis of the entity's net exposure to either of those risks. This exception allows the entity, if certain criteria are met, to measure the fair value of the net asset or liability position in a manner consistent with how market participants would price the net risk position; (4) The fair value measurement of instruments classified within an entity's shareholders' equity is aligned with the guidance for liabilities; and (5) Disclosure requirements have been enhanced for Level 3 fair value measurements to disclose quantitative information about unobservable inputs and assumptions used, to describe the valuation processes used by the entity, and to qualitatively describe the sensitivity of fair value measurements to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those inputs. In addition, entities must report the level in the fair value hierarchy of items that are not measured at fair value in the statement of condition but whose fair value must be disclosed. The Company adopted the provisions of ASU No. 2011-04 effective January 1, 2012.

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Core deposit intangibles		1,200(c)		1,200
Other intangibles		(238)(d)		(238)
Other assets	3,081	7,795(e)		10,877
Deposits	(209,707)	(428)(f)		(210,135)
Borrowings	(35,865)	(3,020)(g)		(38,885)
Other liabilities	(1,978)	(209)(h)		(2,187)
Total identifiable net assets	\$ 24,693	\$ (1,127)	\$	23,566
Goodwill			\$	13,818

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The core deposit intangible asset recognized as part of the CBT merger is being amortized over its estimated useful life of approximately eight years utilizing an accelerated method. Other intangibles consist of leasehold intangible liabilities, which are amortized over the life of each respective lease using a straight-line method.

The goodwill, which is not amortized for book purposes, was assigned to our banking segment and is not deductible for tax purposes.

The fair value of savings and transaction deposit accounts acquired from CBT was assumed to approximate the carrying value as these accounts have no stated maturity and are payable on demand. The fair value of time deposits was estimated by discounting the contractual future cash flows using market rates offered for time deposits of similar remaining maturities. The fair value of borrowed funds was estimated by discounting the future cash flows using market rates for similar borrowings.

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Direct merger and acquisition integration-related costs related to the CBT acquisition were expensed as incurred and totaled \$2.7 million for the first six months of 2012, and none in 2011.

Greenpark Mortgage Corporation

On April 30, 2012, Berkshire Bank acquired the operations, and purchased certain assets and assumed certain limited liabilities of Greenpark Mortgage Corporation (Greenpark), as contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement dated February 2, 2012, by and between Berkshire Bank and Greenpark. The purchase of Greenpark's operations increases the Company's consumer lending capabilities, and expands the Company's geographical footprint into eastern Massachusetts along with broadening its sources of fee-based income.

The purchase price for Greenpark's operations was \$4.0 million, but additional consideration of \$0.1 million was paid for certain prepaid assets. \$46.5 million was paid to retire outstanding bank loans, recently originated loans, along with \$2.8 million in premiums on those loans representing the sellers' income on those loans had they been sold prior to April 30, 2012. Additionally, a \$1.1 million liability was recorded for contingent consideration representing the fair value of earn-out payments to the sellers of Greenpark over a five year period of time after the purchase date. While the earn-out payments are based on production of loan originations, which can vary from year to year, management calculated an expected range of \$0.2 million to \$0.3 million in annual payments using the Black Scholes model to estimate the fair value of the contingent liability. Direct acquisition and integration costs of Greenpark's operations were expensed as incurred, and totaled \$0.3 million during the first six months of 2012. The results of Greenpark's operations are included in the Consolidated Statements of Income from the date of acquisition.

The assets and liabilities in the Greenpark transaction were recorded at their fair value based on management's best estimate using information available at the date of purchase. The Greenpark transaction is an asset purchase for legal purposes, which limits the Company's exposure to the assumption of liabilities as defined in the purchase agreement, and to any potential unknown liabilities that result from operations that occur subsequent to the purchase date. The transaction is also considered an asset purchase for tax purposes, which results in a step-up in tax basis of assets acquired and liabilities assumed along with tax deductible goodwill. For book purposes, the Company will account for the transaction as a business combination in accordance with applicable accounting guidance, as it represents an acquisition of a business with a distinct set of inputs and processes to produce outputs. The goodwill, representing the excess of consideration paid over the net fair value of assets and liabilities acquired, is not amortized for book purposes, and is assigned to our banking segment.

The assets and liabilities in the Greenpark transaction were recorded at their fair value based on management's best estimate using information available at the date of acquisition. Consideration paid, and fair values of Greenpark's assets acquired and liabilities assumed, are summarized in the following table:

Consideration Paid:		
Cash purchase price	\$	4,000
Cash paid for certain prepaid assets		58
Payoff of Greenpark's lines of credit		46,496
Premiums paid for loans, and loan commitments		2,770
Contingent purchase price		1,087
Total consideration paid		54,411

Recognized Amounts of Identifiable Assets Acquired and (Liabilities Assumed), At Fair Value:

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Loans held for sale	48,408(a)
Other assets	2,621(b)
Premises and equipment	98(c)
Other liabilities	(862)(d)
Total identifiable net assets	50,265
Goodwill	\$ 4,146

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Basic	\$	0.68	\$	0.40
Diluted	\$	0.68	\$	0.40

On May 31, 2012, the Company entered into a merger agreement with Beacon Federal Bancorp, Inc. (Beacon Federal), the parent company of Beacon Federal (Beacon Bank), pursuant to which Beacon Federal will merge with and into the Company in a transaction to be accounted for as a business combination. It is expected that Beacon Bank will also merge with and into Berkshire Bank. Located in East Syracuse, New York, Beacon Federal had \$1 billion in total assets at March 31, 2012 (unaudited) and, through Beacon Bank, operates 7 banking offices providing a range of banking services in New York, Massachusetts, and Tennessee.

Under the terms of this merger agreement, 50% of the outstanding shares of Beacon Federal common stock will be converted into the right to receive 0.9200 of a share of Company common stock and the remaining 50% of outstanding shares of Beacon Federal common stock will be exchanged for \$20.50 in cash.

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Government-sponsored residential
mortgage-backed securities

Tax advantaged economic development bonds	47,869	1,479	49,348
Other bonds and obligations	615		615
Total securities held to maturity	58,912	1,483	60,395
Total	\$ 472,370	\$ 11,836	\$ (4,055) \$ 480,151

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The amortized cost and estimated fair value of available for sale (AFS) and held to maturity (HTM) securities, segregated by contractual maturity at June 30, 2012 are presented below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations. Mortgage-backed securities are shown in total, as their maturities are highly variable. Equity securities have no maturity and are also shown in total.

(In thousands)	Available for sale		Held to maturity	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Within 1 year	\$	\$	\$ 3,677	\$ 3,677
Over 1 year to 5 years	9,949	9,733	3,725	3,790
Over 5 years to 10 years	15,518	16,087	16,033	17,103
Over 10 years	79,077	81,863	18,310	18,631
Total bonds and obligations	104,544	107,683	41,745	43,201
Marketable equity securities	27,422	29,999		
Residential mortgage-backed securities	330,416	333,686	77	84
Total	\$ 462,382	\$ 471,368	\$ 41,822	\$ 43,285

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The Company expects to recover its amortized cost basis on all debt securities in its AFS and HTM portfolios. Furthermore, the Company does not intend to sell nor does it anticipate that it will be required to sell any of its securities in an unrealized loss position as of June 30, 2012, prior to this recovery. The Company's ability and intent to hold these securities until recovery is supported by the Company's strong capital and liquidity positions as well as its historically low portfolio turnover. The following summarizes, by investment security type, the basis for the conclusion that the debt securities in an unrealized loss position within the Company's AFS and HTM portfolios were not other-than-temporarily impaired at June 30, 2012:

AFS municipal bonds and obligations

At June 30, 2012, 3 out of a total of 128 securities in the Company's portfolio of AFS municipal bonds and obligations were in unrealized loss positions. The aggregate unrealized losses represented 1% of the amortized cost of the securities in unrealized loss positions. The Company has the intent to hold these securities until recovery. There were no material underlying credit downgrades during the past quarter. All securities are considered performing.

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Acquisitions		2,816
Sales		
Reclassification from nonaccretable difference for loans with improved cash flows		
Changes in expected cash flows that do not affect nonaccretable difference		
Accretion		(1,539)
Balance at end of period	\$	2,554

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Commercial business

loans:

Asset based lending					2,495	2,495	
Other commercial							
business loans	503	112	3,804	4,419	90,831	95,250	3,774
Total	503	112	3,804	4,419	93,326	97,745	3,774

Consumer loans:

Home equity	95		78	173	75,667	75,840	
Other	242	38	298	578	30,620	31,198	157
Total	337	38	376	751	106,287	107,038	157
Total	\$ 4,053	\$ 2,177	\$ 12,974	\$ 19,204	\$ 814,904	\$ 834,108	\$ 10,751

The Bank utilizes a twelve grade internal loan rating system for each of its commercial real estate, construction and commercial loans as follows:

1 **Substantially Risk Free**

Borrowers in this category are of unquestioned credit standing and are at the pinnacle of credit quality. Credits in this category are generally cash secured with strong management depth and experience and exhibit a superior track record.

7 **Special Mention**

A classification assigned to all relationships for credits with potential weaknesses which present a higher than normal credit risk, but not to the point of requiring a Substandard loan classification. No loss of principal or interest is anticipated. However, these credits are followed closely, and if necessary, remedial plans to reduce the Company's risk exposure are established.

8 **Substandard Performing**

A classification assigned to a credit that is inadequately protected by the current sound worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified must have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Company will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Substandard loans will be evaluated on at least a quarterly basis to determine if an additional allocation of the Company's allowance for loan loss is warranted.

Upon acquiring a loan portfolio, our Internal Loan Review function undertakes the same process of assigning risk ratings as historical loans, which may differ from the risk rating policy of the predecessor company. Loans which are rated Substandard or worse according to the rating process outlined below are deemed to be credit impaired loans accounted for under ASC 310-30, regardless of whether they are classified as performing or non-performing.

The Bank utilizes a twelve grade internal loan rating system for each of its acquired commercial real estate, construction and commercial loans as outlined in the Credit Quality Information section of this Note. The Company risk rates its residential mortgages, including 1-4 family and residential construction loans, based on a three rating system: Pass, Special Mention and Substandard. Residential mortgages that are current within 59 days are rated Pass. Residential mortgages that are 60 – 89 days delinquent are rated Special Mention. Residential mortgages delinquent for 90 days or greater are rated Substandard. Home equity loans are risk rated based on the same rating system as the Company’s residential mortgages. Other consumer loans are rated based on a two rating system. Other consumer loans that are current within 119 days are rated Performing while loans delinquent for 120 days or more are rated Non-performing. Non-performing other consumer loans are deemed to be credit impaired loans accounted for under ASC 310-30.

The Company subjects loans that do not meet the ASC 310-30 criteria to ASC 450-20 by collectively evaluating these loans for an allowance for loan loss. The Company applies a methodology similar to the methodology prescribed for originated loans, which includes the application of environmental factors to each category of loans.

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The methodology to collectively evaluate the acquired loans outside the scope of ASC 310-30 includes the application of a number of environmental factors that reflect management's best estimate of the level of incremental credit losses that might be recognized given current conditions. This is reviewed as part of the allowance for loan loss adequacy analysis. As the loan portfolio matures and environmental factors change, the loan portfolio will be reassessed each quarter to determine an appropriate reserve allowance.

A decrease in the expected cash flows in subsequent periods requires the establishment of an allowance for loan losses at that time for ASC 310-30 loans. At June 30, 2012, there had not been such a decrease and therefore there was no allowance for losses on acquired loans under Subtopic ASC 310-30.

The Company presented several tables within this footnote of historical loans and acquired loans in order to distinguish the credit performance of the newly acquired loans.

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(In thousands)	Home equity		Other		Total consumer loans	
	June 30, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	June 30, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	June 30, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011
Performing	\$ 75,762	\$ 71,752	\$ 31,057	\$ 32,248	\$ 106,819	\$ 104,000
Nonperforming	78	75	141	138	219	213
Total	\$ 75,840	\$ 71,827	\$ 31,198	\$ 32,386	\$ 107,038	\$ 104,213

The Company's loan portfolio also includes certain loans that have been modified in a Troubled Debt Restructuring (TDR), where economic concessions have been granted to borrowers who have experienced or are expected to experience financial difficulties. These concessions typically result from the Company's loss mitigation activities and could include reductions in the interest rate, payment extensions, forgiveness of principal, forbearance or other actions. Certain TDRs are classified as nonperforming at the time of restructure and may only be returned to performing status after considering the borrower's sustained repayment performance for a reasonable period, generally six months.

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(In thousands)	June 30, 2012		December 31, 2011 (1)	
Time less than \$100,000	\$	511,155	\$	511,592
Time \$100,000 or more		534,612		491,046
Total time deposits	\$	1,045,767	\$	1,002,638

(1) Amounts include balances associated with discontinued operations.

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NOTE 8. STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

The Bank's actual and required capital ratios were as follows:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011	FDIC Minimum to be Well Capitalized
Total capital to risk weighted assets	10.3%	11.3%	10.0%
Tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets	9.3	10.2	6.0
Tier 1 capital to average assets	8.0	8.4	5.0

At each date shown, Berkshire Bank met the conditions to be classified as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized, an institution must maintain minimum total risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based, and Tier 1 leverage ratios as set forth in the table above.

Accumulated other comprehensive income

Components of accumulated other comprehensive loss are as follows:

(In thousands)	June 30, 2012		December 31, 2011	
Net unrealized holding gain (loss) on AFS securities	\$	8,985	\$	6,298
Net loss on effective cash flow hedging derivatives		(11,087)		(8,882)
Net loss on terminated swap		(4,650)		(5,121)
Net unrealized holding gain (loss) on pension plans		(932)		(676)
Tax effects		3,348		3,496
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$	(4,336)	\$	(4,885)

The Company's accumulated other comprehensive loss totaled \$4.3 million at June 30, 2012. Of this loss, \$15.7 million was attributable to accumulated losses on cash flow hedges, net of deferred tax benefits of \$6.6 million, \$9.0 million was attributable to accumulated gains on available-for-sale securities, net of deferred tax expenses of \$3.3 million, and \$0.9 million was attributable to accumulated losses on pensions.

The Company's accumulated other comprehensive loss totaled \$4.9 million at December 31, 2011. Of this loss, \$14.0 million was attributable to accumulated losses on cash flow hedges, net of deferred tax benefits of \$5.8 million, \$6.3 million was attributable to accumulated gains on available-for-sale securities, net of deferred tax expenses of \$2.3 million, and \$0.7 million was attributable to accumulated losses on pensions.

NOTE 12. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

As of June 30, 2012, the Company held derivatives with a total notional amount of \$1 billion. That amount included \$280.0 million in interest rate swap derivatives that were designated as cash flow hedges for accounting purposes. The Company also had economic hedges and non-hedging derivatives totaling \$515.6 million and \$215.3 million, respectively, which are not designated as accounting hedges. Economic hedges included interest rate swaps totaling \$348.2 million, and \$170.5 million in forward commitment contracts.

As part of the Company's risk management strategy, the Company enters into interest rate swap agreements to mitigate the interest rate risk inherent in certain of the Company's assets and liabilities. Interest rate swap agreements involve the risk of dealing with both Bank customers and institutional derivative counterparties and

Reclassification of unrealized deferred tax benefit from accumulated other comprehensive loss to tax expense for terminated swaps	(31)	(98)	(129)	(196)
Net tax benefit (expense) on items recognized in accumulated other	1,171	255	1,007	(196)
Interest rate swaps on junior subordinated debentures:				
Unrealized gain (loss) recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss	97	(151)	156	3
Net tax (expense) benefit on items recognized in accumulated other	(19)	62	(61)	(2)
Other comprehensive income recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of reclassification adjustments and tax effects	\$ (1,122)	\$ (353)	\$ (896)	\$ 532
Net interest expense recognized in interest expense on hedged FHLBB borrowings	\$ 1,123	\$ 1,218	\$ 2,206	\$ 2,424
Net interest expense recognized in interest expense on junior subordinated debentures	\$ 97	\$ 129	\$ 215	\$ 256

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Hedge ineffectiveness on interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges was immaterial to the Company's financial statements during the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011. The Company does not anticipate material events or transactions within the next twelve months that are likely to result in a reclassification of unrealized gains or losses from accumulated other comprehensive loss to earnings.

Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on the Company's variable-rate liabilities. During the next twelve months, the Company estimates that \$5.1 million will be reclassified as an increase to interest expense.

Economic hedges

The Company has an interest rate swap with a \$13.9 million notional amount to swap out the fixed rate of interest on an economic development bond bearing a fixed rate of 5.09%, currently within the Company's trading portfolio under the fair value option, in exchange for a LIBOR-based floating rate. The intent of the economic hedge is to improve the Company's asset sensitivity to changing interest rates in anticipation of favorable average floating rates of interest over the 21-year life of the bond. The fair value changes of the economic development bond are mostly offset by fair value changes of the related interest rate swap.

The Company also offers certain derivative products directly to qualified commercial borrowers. The Company economically hedges derivative transactions executed with commercial borrowers by entering into mirror-image, offsetting derivatives with third-party financial institutions. The transaction allows the Company's customer to convert a variable-rate loan to a fixed rate loan. Because the Company acts as an intermediary for its customer, changes in the fair value of the underlying derivative contracts mostly offset each other in earnings. Credit valuation adjustments arising from the difference in credit worthiness of the commercial loan and financial institution counterparties totaled \$471 thousand as of June 30, 2012. The interest income and expense on these mirror image swaps exactly offset each other.

The Company utilizes forward commitments to sell mortgage backed bonds as economic hedges against the potential decreases in the values of the interest rate lock commitments which are discussed below under Non-hedging derivatives. The forward commitments are free-standing derivatives, which are carried at fair value with changes recorded in non-interest income in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income.

Non-hedging derivatives

The Company enters into interest rate lock commitments (IRLCs) for residential mortgage loans, which commit the Company to lend funds to a potential borrower at a specific interest rate and within a specified period of time. IRLCs that relate to the origination of mortgage loans that will be held for sale are considered derivative financial instruments under applicable accounting guidance. Outstanding IRLCs expose the Company to the risk that the price of the mortgage loans underlying the commitments may decline due to increases in mortgage interest rates from inception of the rate lock to the funding of the loan. The IRLCs are free-standing derivatives which are carried at fair value with changes recorded in noninterest income in the Company's consolidated statements of income. Changes in the fair value of IRLCs subsequent to inception are based on changes in the fair value of the underlying loan resulting from the fulfillment of the commitment and changes in the probability that the loan will fund within the terms of the commitment, which is affected primarily by changes in interest rates and the passage of time.

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Amounts included in the Consolidated Statements of Income related to economic hedges and non-hedging derivatives were as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended June 30, 2012		2011		Six Months Ended June 30, 2012		2011	
Economic hedges								
<i>Interest rate swap on industrial revenue bond:</i>								
Net interest expense recognized in interest and dividend income on securities	\$	(157)	\$	(164)	\$	(315)	\$	(325)
Unrealized gain recognized in other non-interest income		(654)		(359)		(1,094)		(69)
<i>Interest rate swaps on loans with commercial loan customers:</i>								
Unrealized gain recognized in other non-interest income		2,149		2,511		3,260		940
<i>Reverse interest rate swaps on loans with commercial loan customers:</i>								
Unrealized loss recognized in other non-interest income		(2,149)		(2,511)		(3,260)		(940)
Favorable (unfavorable) change in credit valuation adjustment recognized in other non-interest income	\$	(113)	\$	(225)	\$	9	\$	(183)
<i>Forward Commitments:</i>								
Unrealized gain recognized in other non-interest income	\$	(2,131)	\$	\$	(2,131)	\$	\$	\$
Non-hedging derivatives								
<i>Interest rate lock commitments:</i>								
Unrealized gain (loss) recognized in other non-interest income	\$	4,337	\$	(23)	\$	4,337	\$	(36)

NOTE 13. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

A description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy, is set forth below. These valuation methodologies were applied to all of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities that are carried at fair value.

Recurring fair value measurements

The following table summarizes assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, segregated by the level of the valuation inputs within the fair value hierarchy utilized to measure fair value. There were no transfers

between levels during the six months ended June 30, 2012.

Loans held for sale. The Company elected the fair value option for all loans held for sale (HFS) originated on or after May 1, 2012. Loans HFS are classified as Level 2 as the fair value is based on input factors such as quoted prices for similar loans in active markets.

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Note: Generally accepted accounting principles require that loans acquired in a business combination be recorded at fair value, whereas loans from business activities are recorded at cost. The fair value of loans acquired in a business combination includes expected loan losses, and there is no loan loss allowance recorded for these loans at the time of acquisition. Accordingly, the ratio of the loan loss allowance to total loans is reduced as a result of the existence of such loans, and this measure is not directly comparable to prior periods. Similarly, net loan charge-offs are normally reduced for loans acquired in a business combination since these loans are recorded net of expected loan losses. Therefore, the ratio of net loan charge-offs to average loans is reduced as a result of the existence of such loans, and this measure is not directly comparable to prior periods. Other institutions may have loans acquired in a business combination, and therefore there may be no direct comparability of these ratios between and among other institutions.

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The following table presents average balances and an analysis of average rates and yields on an annualized fully taxable equivalent basis for the periods included.

(\$ In millions)	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2012		2011		2012		2011	
	Average Balance	Yield/Rate (FTE basis)	Average Balance	Yield/Rate (FTE basis)	Average Balance	Yield/Rate (FTE basis)	Average Balance	Yield/Rate (FTE basis)
Assets								
Loans:								
Residential mortgages	\$ 1,167	4.64%	\$ 802	4.97%	\$ 1,112	4.64%	\$ 727	5.01%
Commercial loans	1,742	5.00	1,308	4.78	1,654	4.95	1,261	4.71
Consumer loans	375	3.93	311	3.97	371	3.96	296	3.80
Total loans	3,284	4.75	2,421	4.74	3,137	4.73	2,284	4.70
Securities	549	3.30	406	4.07	537	3.29	405	4.04
Short-term investments and loans held for sale	47	0.06	5	0.19	31	0.06	8	0.16
Total earning assets	3,880	4.49	2,831	4.64	3,705	4.49	2,697	4.58
Other assets	472		383		466		349	
Total assets	\$ 4,352		\$ 3,214		\$ 4,171		\$ 3,046	
Liabilities and stockholders equity								
Deposits:								
NOW	\$ 297	0.30%	\$ 230	0.31%	\$ 285	0.28%	\$ 223	0.32%
Money market	1,136	0.49	778	0.69	1,111	0.52	762	0.72
Savings	370	0.18	317	0.26	365	0.19	276	0.28
Time	1,039	1.44	810	2.00	1,011	1.47	774	2.09
Total interest-bearing deposits	2,842	0.78	2,135	1.08	2,772	0.80	2,035	1.14
Borrowings and debentures	399	2.14	270	3.10	328	2.65	250	3.36
Total interest-bearing liabilities	3,241	0.95	2,405	1.31	3,100	0.98	2,285	1.38
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	499		334		469		314	
Other liabilities	39		25		39		26	
Total liabilities	3,779		2,764		3,608		2,625	
Total stockholders equity	573		450		563		421	
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 4,352		\$ 3,214		\$ 4,171		\$ 3,046	
Net interest spread		3.54%		3.33%		3.50%		3.20%
Net interest margin		3.70		3.52		3.66		3.41
Cost of funds		0.82		1.15		0.86		1.22
Cost of deposits		0.66		0.94		0.68		0.99

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Total deposits (In millions)	\$ 3,341	\$ 2,469	\$ 3,241	\$ 2,349
Fully taxable equivalent income adj. (In thousands)	\$ 638	\$ 675	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,354

(1) The average balances of loans include nonaccrual loans, loans held for sale, and deferred fees and costs.

(2) The average balance for securities available for sale is based on amortized cost. The average balance of equity also reflects this adjustment.

(3) The above schedule includes yields associated with discontinued operations, although the related income is excluded from income from continuing operations on the income statement. The above schedule includes balances associated with discontinued operations.

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SUMMARY

During the second quarter and first half of 2012, Berkshire recorded significant growth in loans, deposits, revenues, and earnings as a result of its initiatives to build its franchise. There was general improvement of profitability, and measures of capital, asset quality, and liquidity remained favorable. Most lines of business produced larger business volumes and improved pricing spreads. Improvement has been focused in areas where Berkshire has been investing for growth, including commercial banking and regional expansion in Central/Eastern New York and Central/Eastern Massachusetts.

First half 2012 highlights were as follows (revenue and earnings growth is compared to the first half of 2011; loan and deposit growth is compared to year-end 2011):

- 46% revenue growth,
- 194% increase in net income
- 110% increase in earnings per share
- 14% loan growth
- 10% deposit growth
- 3.66% net interest margin
- 0.60% non-performing assets/total assets
- 0.24% annualized net loan charge-offs/average loans

During the most recent quarter, Berkshire completed the acquisition of CBT - The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company on April 20, 2012. Berkshire has added 8 Connecticut branch offices, increasing its full service banking offices to 68, including new offices opened in the New York region in 2012. Berkshire also completed the acquisition of the operations of Greenpark Mortgage on April 30, 2012. The Greenpark acquisition has added eight new lending offices in Central/Eastern Massachusetts. These acquisitions were completed on time and on plan. They increase Berkshire's footprint, add new opportunities for cross sales across Berkshire's business lines, and improve the diversity of revenue sources.

COMPARISON OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AT JUNE 30, 2012 AND DECEMBER 31, 2011

Summary: Berkshire maintained positive growth momentum from business development in targeted business lines, while managing other balances in connection with the acquisitions of CBT and Greenpark. Total assets increased by 13% to \$4.5 billion from \$4.0 billion, including

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approximately \$0.3 billion related to CBT and \$0.1 billion related to Greenpark. Total equity increased by \$30 million, primarily due to \$22 million in common stock issued for CBT merger consideration. Total intangible assets increased by \$17 million primarily due to merger related goodwill and core deposit intangibles. Most major categories of assets, liabilities, and equity increased as a result of the business combinations. Including the acquired balances, overall measures of asset quality, capital, and liquidity remained favorable. Assets and liabilities from discontinued operations at year-end 2011 were related to four former Legacy New York branches which were divested in January 2012.

Securities: Total investment securities increased by \$35 million (6%) to \$568 million due to \$41 million added from CBT. To conform with Berkshire's investment objectives, a significant portion of the CBT investment portfolio was sold around the time of the merger. Held to maturity securities decreased due to runoff related to refinancing by a limited number of issuers. Securities purchases consisted mainly of structured U.S. agency collateralized mortgage obligations with targeted average lives in the 2 - 5 year range. Berkshire also continues to invest in dividend yielding equity securities of local financial institutions. The yield on investment securities improved to 3.30% in the second quarter of 2012 compared to 3.26% in the final quarter of 2011. Berkshire continues to maintain a high quality, relatively short duration investment portfolio, and to focus on loan growth as the primary use of funds from deposit growth and the primary source of interest income. The average life of the available for sale debt securities portfolio was estimated at 3.7 years at midyear, compared to 4.2 years at the start of the year.

The unrealized gain on investment securities remained unchanged at 2% of amortized cost. The Company did not record any material losses or write-downs of investment securities in the first half of the year and none of the Company's investment securities was other-than-temporarily impaired at mid-year. Losses on securities with unrealized

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losses declined to \$3 million from \$4 million. Included in this total was one pooled trust preferred security with a cost of \$2.6 million and an unrealized loss of \$2.0 million at midyear, which was down slightly from \$2.1 million at year-end 2011. Interest payments have been suspended on this security, but it is classified as performing based on the Company's financial analysis, and the impairment is viewed as temporary. This security is described more fully in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. There were several downgrades of corporate bonds and single issuer trust preferred securities during the most recent quarter, due primarily to changes in the ratings environment for large financial institutions.

Loans. Total loans increased by \$409 million (14%) in the first half of the year, including \$210 million in acquired CBT loans and \$173 million in residential mortgage portfolio growth. An ongoing focus of Berkshire's lending program is the growth of commercial loans, with an emphasis on commercial business loans where the Company believes it has the strongest competitive advantage and which are expected to result in strong relationships and use of a variety of Berkshire's products and services. The total increase in commercial loans was \$234 million, including \$187 million in balances acquired with CBT. Excluding these CBT loans, the net increase in commercial loans from business activities was \$47 million, or 6% on an annualized basis. This growth included a \$27 million increase in the asset based lending portfolio.

Commercial loan growth in the first half of the year included contributions from Berkshire's new Central/Eastern Massachusetts commercial banking team located in Westborough, together with the contributions of its asset based lending team located in Woburn and its New York commercial lending team based in Albany. In conjunction with its second quarter acquisition of The Connecticut Bank & Trust Company, Berkshire expects to develop its commercial lending footprint in the Worcester, Springfield, Hartford triangle, as well as continuing to enhance its commercial presence in eastern Massachusetts. Berkshire continues to take commercial market share from national competitors as a result of the capabilities and responsiveness of the commercial banking teams that it has recruited in recent years. Berkshire is adhering to strong underwriting and pricing disciplines as it captures larger market share with high grade loan originations in all of its commercial lending areas. Berkshire has also enhanced its small business lending program, including servicing smaller relationships through its branch network, and these relationships are expected to contribute more to future loan growth.

The \$173 million increase in the residential mortgage portfolio included \$7 million in acquired CBT mortgages, and a \$166 million (16%) increase in balances from business activities. This increase consisted of fixed rate mortgages which were originated in the first half of the year in the strong refinancing market that developed due to low interest rates and some firming of local real estate markets. The increase included mortgages which were purchased from Greenpark Mortgage prior to its acquisition date, together with mortgage originations by Greenpark mortgage after the acquisition date. The increase was net of certain mortgages sold in the first half of the year. Berkshire utilized forward starting interest rate swaps to maintain an overall asset sensitive interest rate risk profile as measured by the sensitivity of net interest income. Berkshire, and its new Greenpark Mortgage division, originates conforming and jumbo residential mortgages. The Company expects to increase secondary market sales of newly originated mortgages in the second half of the year, with less portfolio growth as a consequence. For mortgages targeted for sale, the Company hedges its interest rate risk on rate locked mortgage applications through the use of derivatives contracts, supplemented by best efforts forward mortgage sales.

The acquired CBT loans had a carrying value \$215.8 million and a fair value of \$209.6 million. The resulting \$6.2 million fair value discount equated to 2.9% of the carrying value. In the two calendar quarters prior to the acquisition, CBT's net loan charge-offs totaled \$2.9 million (1.3% of the carrying value at acquisition date). The nonaccretable portion of the \$6.2 million discount totaled \$5.6 million, which equated to 23% of the \$23.7 million carrying value of the related loans. The acquired CBT loans were concentrated in commercial loans, with a fair value of \$187 million, and consisting primarily of small business loans in the Greater Hartford area.

The loan yield was 4.75% in the most recent quarter, and included the 0.07% benefit of yield accretion on a loan prepayment. Excluding this benefit, the yield was 4.68% in the most recent quarter, compared to 4.74% in the fourth quarter of 2011. This decline in yield reflects the impact of the lower interest rate environment on loan prepayments and originations. The yield on loans in the most recent quarter included the

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benefit of acquired CBT commercial loans with higher than normal credit risk, which are assigned higher yields reflecting market yield requirements for these assets. The overall yield on the CBT loan portfolio was established at 6.0% based on the initial yield requirements as of the merger date.

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Asset Quality. Acquired loans are recorded at fair value and are categorized as performing regardless of their payment status. Therefore, some overall portfolio measures of asset performance are not comparable between periods or among institutions as a result of recent business combinations.

The level of non-performing assets was \$27 million at midyear, a slight increase compared to \$26 million at the start of the year. The write-down and resolution of a commercial foreclosed property and a commercial real estate loan were offset by a new non-performing commercial real estate loan and an increase in non-accruing residential mortgages. As noted above, all acquired CBT loans were classified as performing. As a result, the ratio of non-performing assets to total assets decreased to 0.60% of total assets from 0.65% at year-end 2011. The largest nonperforming asset at midyear was approximately \$3 million.

Accruing loans over 90 days past due increased to 0.51% of total loans at midyear compared to 0.34% at the start of the year, primarily due to the addition of past due CBT loans which are classified as accruing under accounting principles for business combinations. Loans delinquent 30-89 days decreased to 0.41% of total loans from 0.55%. Foreclosed assets and troubled debt restructurings remained insignificant through midyear. Net loan charge-offs remained comparatively low at 0.24% of average loans in the first half of 2012.

Classified loans are loans rated substandard or lower in the Company's internal risk rating system. The ratio of classified loans/total loans remained unchanged at 4.1%, and the increase in classified loans was primarily related to acquired CBT commercial loans. Classified loans include non-accruing loans, which were unchanged at 0.8% of total loans. The remaining loans, measuring 3.3% of total loans, represent potential problem loans which could become non-performing based on known risks. Included in these loans are acquired loans with credit impairment at acquisition date. These loans were recorded at fair value at acquisition date and are generally being maintained as performing loans. The acquired classified loans were 1.1% of total loans at midyear, compared to 0.6% at the start of the year. Special mention loans are loans with higher than normal credit risk which do not warrant classification. These loans increased to 1.6% of total loans from 1.3%, primarily due to acquired CBT commercial loans.

Loan Loss Allowance. The determination of the allowance for loan losses is a critical accounting estimate. The Company considers the allowance for loan losses appropriate to cover probable losses which can be reasonably estimated and which are inherent in the loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. Under accounting standards for business combinations, acquired loans are recorded at fair value with no loan loss allowance on the date of acquisition. A loan loss allowance is recorded by the Company for the emergence of new probable and estimable losses relating to acquired loans which were not impaired as of the acquisition date. Because of the accounting for acquired loans, some measures of the loan loss allowance are not comparable to periods prior to the acquisition date. The ratio of the allowance to non-performing loans was 126% at midyear, and the allowance measured 4.3X annualized first half net loan charge-offs.

The total amount of the loan loss allowance increased to \$32.9 million from \$32.4 million. The allowance related to loans from business activities was flat at \$32 million, and the ratio of this allowance to loans from business activities decreased to 1.26% from 1.41%. The majority of the growth in this portfolio was in residential mortgage loans, which have lower inherent losses than other loan categories. The allowance related to impaired loans from business activities was little changed, totaling \$2.9 million at midyear. The \$0.5 million increase in the total allowance was related to the allowance for acquired loans and primarily reflected the emergence of new inherent losses in non-impaired loans due to the passage of time for loans acquired in bank mergers in 2011.

Other Assets. Loans held for sale increased to \$59 million from \$1 million due to the acquisition of the Greenpark Mortgage operations. For loans held for sale, Berkshire enters into mandatory delivery or best efforts sale contracts with institutional secondary market purchasers. Total goodwill increased by \$18 million including \$14 million recorded for the CBT acquisition and \$4 million recorded for the Greenpark

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acquisition. The net deferred tax asset totaled \$40.7 million at midyear, compared to \$39.7 million at year end 2011.

Deposits and Borrowings. Total deposits increased by \$309 million (10%) to \$3.41 billion during the first half of the year, including \$210 million in acquired CBT balances. Excluding the acquired balances, total deposits from business activities increased by \$98 million at a 6% annualized rate. Non-maturity deposits from business activities increased at a 9% annualized rate, with increases in all major account categories. Berkshire continues to

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promote lower cost relationship oriented accounts in all of its markets, along with commercial deposits associated with its increased originations of commercial business loans and small business loans. Berkshire has also benefited from ongoing de novo branch expansion in its Albany, New York region. Time deposits from business activities were flat during the first half of the year, as the Company allowed higher cost maturing time account balances to roll off in the second quarter. The acquired CBT deposits included non-maturity accounts totaling \$139 million and time deposits totaling \$72 million serviced by CBT's eight branches in the Hartford region.

The cost of deposits decreased to 0.66% in the most recent quarter from 0.73% in the fourth quarter of 2011, reflecting reductions in all major categories of interest bearing accounts. Deposit costs reflect Berkshire's pricing disciplines in the current low interest rate environment, along with the impact of the acquired deposit balances. The cost of time deposits was 1.44% in the most recent quarter, compared to 1.52% in the fourth quarter of 2011. Time accounts maturing in the second half of 2012 total approximately \$335 million and have an average cost of approximately 1%. Berkshire anticipates that the cost of these deposits will decrease when they are renewed. The initial cost established for the CBT time deposits based on the fair value analysis on the merger date was 0.63%.

Total borrowings increased by \$230 million (97%) to \$468 million, including \$39 million in acquired CBT borrowings, \$59 million related to the Greenpark mortgage loans held for sale, and \$132 million which was combined with deposit growth to fund the \$199 million increase in loans from business activities. The new borrowings all consisted of low cost overnight FHLBB advances as of June 30, 2012. Including these lower cost funds, the cost of borrowings decreased to 2.14% in the most recent quarter from 3.35% in the fourth quarter of 2011. Berkshire had approximately \$440 million in additional borrowing capacity with the FHLBB at midyear. Despite the increase in borrowings, Berkshire's loan/deposit ratio remained below 100%, measuring 99% at midyear.

Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities. The total notional value of derivatives increased by \$433 million (75%) to \$1.011 billion at midyear from \$578 million at the start of the year. The increase was primarily related to a \$343 million increase in derivatives related to mortgage banking activities, together with an \$80 million increase in forward starting cash flow hedges related to asset liability management and the increase in the residential mortgage portfolio.

Due to the acquisition of the Greenpark Mortgage operations, Berkshire significantly increased its residential mortgage originations and hedging activities. As a result, interest rate lock commitments for applications in process and intended for sale increased to \$215 million and were 79% hedged by derivative financial instruments consisting of forward sales of mortgage backed securities totaling \$170 million. For these loans, at the loan closing the Bank expects to enter into mandatory sales commitments to established institutional non-government secondary market purchasers and to terminate the offsetting financial derivative hedge at that time. The remaining \$45 million balance of rate locked commitments included an estimated amount related to expected fallout, with the balance covered by best efforts forward mortgage sales to secondary market purchasers. The sale contracts to secondary market purchasers are not recorded as derivatives.

As noted above, the Company funded its \$173 million net increase in residential mortgages with deposits and overnight borrowings. In order to hedge some of the interest rate risk related to the borrowings, the Company entered into forward starting hedges totaling \$80 million. On average, the forward starting interest rate swaps begin in 1.5 years and have an average life of 4.4 years once swaps are started. The fair value unrealized loss on cash flow hedges increased by \$2 million to \$11 million during the first half of the year due to the decrease in interest rates. This unrealized loss was offset by unrealized gains in the fair value of loans due to the interest rate environment.

Stockholders' Equity. Total stockholders' equity increased by \$30 million (5%), including \$22 million in common stock issued as CBT merger consideration. Berkshire issued 965 thousand shares for the CBT acquisition at an average value of \$22.80 based on the closing price of Berkshire's stock prior to the acquisition. For the first half of 2012, net income of \$14 million funded cash stock dividends to our shareholders of

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\$7 million and contributed to a \$6 million increase in retained earnings. During the first half of the year, 64 thousand restricted stock grants were recorded for \$1.5 million, primarily pursuant to the Company's equity compensation plan, with most vesting on an annual step basis over three years based on time and performance criteria.

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The ratio of tangible equity/ tangible assets decreased to 8.0% from 8.8% during the first half of the year. Tangible equity is a non-GAAP financial measure commonly used by investors and it excludes goodwill and intangible assets, which increased by \$17 million to \$240 million due to the CBT and Greenpark goodwill. The increase in intangibles mostly offset the increase in equity from the CBT merger consideration, and the ratio of tangible equity/tangible assets decreased due to the 13% increase in total assets. Tangible book value per share was \$15.49 at midyear compared to \$15.60 at the start of the year. Retained earnings mostly offset the estimated dilutive impact of business combinations for CBT and Greenpark. Total book value per share was \$26.31 at midyear, compared to \$26.17 at the start of the year. Berkshire Bank's risk based capital ratio measured 10.3% at midyear, compared to 11.3% at the start of the year. This reflected the business combinations, the growth in loans from business activities, and adjustments to certain risk weighting factors. The ratio of equity/assets decreased to 12.9% from 13.9% due to the asset growth.

COMPARISON OF OPERATING RESULTS FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2012 AND 2011

Summary: Berkshire's results included Rome operations acquired on April 1, 2011, Legacy operations acquired on July 21, 2011, CBT operations acquired on April 20, 2012, and Greenpark Mortgage operations acquired on April 30, 2012. As a result, most categories of revenue and expense increased due to these acquisitions. Earnings per share were affected by the issuance of additional Berkshire common shares related to these acquisitions. All references to revenue and expense in this discussion exclude discontinued operations of Legacy branches, which were divested in the fourth quarter of 2011 and the first quarter of 2012.

Berkshire's second quarter net income was \$8.0 million (\$0.37 per share) in 2012, compared to \$1.9 million (\$0.11 per share) in 2011. For the first half of the year, net income totaled \$13.8 million (\$0.65 per share) in 2012, compared to \$4.7 million (\$0.31 per share) in 2011. Results in all periods included merger and conversion related charges. Most profitability measurements before these charges improved including the benefit of the business combinations and positive operating leverage related to higher revenues from business activities and disciplined expense management. The return on assets increased to 0.73% in the most recent quarter, after 0.20% in net charges related to the after-tax impact of merger and conversion related items. In this quarter, the return on equity was 5.6%, after the 1.6% impact of the above-mentioned net charges. Berkshire believes that its results show good progress towards its objectives to produce a return on assets exceeding 1% and a return on equity exceeding 10%. Including the benefit of the pending Beacon acquisition before year-end 2012, Berkshire plans to make further progress towards achieving these profitability objectives. The Company has maintained an asset sensitive net interest income profile, as management has chosen to sacrifice current yield to protect earnings in the event of future rate increases. The Company is also absorbing the costs of ongoing branch and business expansion in its cost of operations.

Revenue. Second quarter total net revenue increased by 46% to \$47 million in 2012 compared to 2011. For the first half of the year, net revenue increased by 46% to \$88 million. This included the benefit of organic growth as well as the business combinations. Revenue per share increased by 11% for the second quarter and by 4% for the first half of the year. Annualized revenue per share reached \$8.68 in the most recent quarter. Most of the revenue growth was recorded in net interest income, since the acquired banks had a lower proportion of fee income sources. Non-interest income measured 26% of total net revenue in the most recent quarter. Berkshire targets to increase the ratio of fee income to total net revenue to 30% or higher as a result of additional cross sales in new markets along with further wallet share growth in existing markets. Additionally, the acquisition of Greenpark is targeted to increase the percentage of total annual revenue provided by fee income.

Net Interest Income. Second quarter net interest income increased by 45% to \$35 million in 2012 compared to 2011. For the first half of the year, net interest income increased by 49% to \$66 million. This included the benefit of organic growth as well as the business combinations. Average earning assets increased by 37% in the second quarter and first half of 2012 compared to 2011. The net interest margin improved to 3.70% from 3.52% in the second quarter and to 3.66% from 3.41% in the first half of 2012 compared to 2011. The improvement in the margin resulted from slight increases in loan yields together with significant reductions in funding costs. Acquired bank loans and deposits are marked to fair value based on market interest rates at the time of the completion of the merger. Additionally, acquired loans with higher than normal

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credit risk are assigned higher asset yields based on market expectations for such loans, and all non-performing acquired loans are classified as accruing based on the imputed asset yields. The benefit of these loan yields has offset the loan

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yield compression generally being experienced in the industry due to the low interest rate environment. This environment has also contributed to the reduction in funding costs. Berkshire maintains a close focus on its loan and deposit pricing disciplines to lessen the potential for margin compression. Berkshire has also balanced its portfolio growth and funding sources to support the net interest margin and to support the ongoing organic growth in market share as it continues to pursue strategic growth in its regional markets. Of note, the acquired loan portfolios are recorded at a net discount to the contractual loan balance due to the impact of loans with higher than normal risk, and this discount is accreted into interest income over the expected lives of the related loans. Net interest income from accretion on acquired loans was \$0.5 million in the first quarter of 2012 and was net of charges related to accelerated prepayments of premium residential mortgages. Net interest income from accretion on acquired loans in the second quarter of 2012 was \$1.2 million and included a \$0.6 million credit related to the early prepayment of one discounted acquired commercial mortgage. Volatility in prepayment patterns and in the workout of acquired problem assets can introduce up to five or more basis points of volatility in the net interest margin from quarter to quarter. Berkshire maintains an asset sensitive interest rate risk profile so that any future rate increases from the current low rate environment are expected to benefit net interest income.

Non-Interest Income. Non-interest income increased by 50% to \$12.3 million in the second quarter and by 35% to \$22.1 million in the second half of 2012 compared to 2011. This included the benefit of organic growth as well as the business combinations. Second quarter non-interest income included a \$2.2 million increase in loan related revenue due to the contribution of the new Greenpark operations, which are stated net of direct costs of loan originations. Loan fees also included higher secondary market income related to other residential mortgage sales. Second quarter deposit related fees increased by 18% from year-to-year, primarily due to a 35% increase in average balances. The second quarter ratio of annualized deposit fees to average deposits decreased to 0.47% from 0.55% due primarily to the lower fee services offered by the acquired banks. Six month insurance fees decreased due to a change in Berkshire's arrangements with its insurance carriers. Beginning in 2012, Berkshire has renegotiated its compensation arrangements with insurance carriers to substantially reduce the reliance on seasonal contingency income without reducing expected total yearly income. In previous years, Berkshire has had significant seasonality in its insurance revenues in the first two quarters of the year. Berkshire is experiencing some improvement in business volume and pricing conditions in its insurance business lines. Berkshire has also produced new business development in its wealth management business at an annualized rate in excess of 10% in 2012. Included in other non-interest income for the first half of 2012 is a \$1.3 million credit for income on bank owned life insurance policies. Additionally, the Company records a loss on investment tax credit limited partnership interests which is offset by a credit to income tax expense representing the net tax benefit of these investments in renewable energy, low income housing, and other tax credit partnerships.

Loan Loss Provision. The provision for loan losses is a charge to earnings in an amount sufficient to maintain the allowance for loan losses at a level deemed adequate by the Company as an estimate of the probable and estimable loan losses inherent in the portfolio as of period-end. The level of the allowance is a critical accounting estimate, which is subject to uncertainty. The level of the allowance was included in the discussion of financial condition. The loan loss provision increased in 2012 compared to 2011 due primarily to the impact on the allowance of growth in the balance of loans from business activities, along with general reserves recorded on acquired loans based on inherent losses emerging after acquisition date. The provision exceeded the level of net loan charge-offs, resulting in an increase in the total allowance for loan losses.

Non-Interest Expense. Non-interest expense increased in 2012 primarily due to the impact of the business combinations, together with costs related to organic growth. Non-interest expense included merger and conversion related expenses in both 2012 and 2011. These charges included costs related to the business combinations and systems conversions costs related to the core systems conversion planned for later in 2012. Total annualized non-interest expense measured 3.14% of average assets in the most recent quarter, compared to 3.56% in the second quarter of 2011. Excluding merger and conversion related expenses, the total measured 2.77% compared to 2.88% for these periods, respectively. The Company believes that this demonstrates the improvement in its ongoing efficiency as a result of its growth and disciplined expense management. Of note, non-interest expense also includes noncash charges for the amortization of intangible assets, which increased as a result of the bank acquisitions, and which measured 0.12% of average assets in both of the above periods. Full time equivalent staff totaled 904 at June 30, 2012, including 51 positions added as a result of the CBT acquisition and 94 positions added as a result of the acquisition of the Greenpark operations. The Company had 760 full time equivalent positions at the start of the year, before these acquisitions. Excluding the CBT and Greenpark staff, the

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rest of the staff totaled 759 positions at midyear, decreasing by one position despite the continuing organic and de novo expansion of the Company.

Income from Continuing and Discontinued Operations. Income from continuing operations was identical to net income for all periods except the first half of 2012 as a result of the sale of four former Legacy branches in January. The \$0.6 million net loss from discontinued operations included the costs of completing the sale, and a \$0.4 million charge to income tax expense due to the non-deductibility of the goodwill associated with these branches.

Income from continuing operations was net of income tax expense. The effective tax rate for this income in the second quarter was 27% in 2012 and 17% in 2011. For the first half of the year, the rate was 26% in 2012 and 18% in 2011. The tax rate for the year 2011 was 25% and is expected to be approximately 32% for the remainder of 2012. The increase in rate is primarily due to the higher level of pretax income and the lower proportionate benefit of tax advantaged income from investments and bank owned life insurance. The lower rates in the first half of 2011 were calculated before the effects of the Legacy merger, which had the impact of increasing pretax income and reducing the proportionate benefit of tax advantaged items.

Results of Segment and Parent Operations. Berkshire Hills Bancorp (the Parent) has two subsidiary operating segments banking and insurance. Results in the banking segment generally followed the levels and trends of consolidated results, which have been previously discussed. In the insurance segment, first half revenues decreased from year-to-year as a result of the reduction in seasonal contingency income resulting from the renegotiation of contracts with insurance carriers. Seasonal insurance earnings were similarly reduced. Parent non-interest expense included merger related charges in both years. Most of the parent s revenues are non-taxable revenues from subsidiaries, and the Parent therefore receives a tax benefit related to the taxable loss generated by its expenses.

Total Comprehensive Income. Total comprehensive income includes net income together with other net comprehensive income. Total comprehensive income was within 10% of net income for all periods reported except for the first half of 2011. In most periods, interest rate related changes in the fair value of securities were generally offset by changes in the fair value of derivative hedges. In the first half of 2011, due to changes in the first quarter, unrealized gains on available for sale securities were the primary contributor to other net comprehensive income totaling \$1.7 million, which brought total comprehensive income to \$6.4 million, compared to net income of \$4.7 million. Unrealized gains were recorded on several categories of instruments, including available for sale securities, due to a decrease in interest rates during that period.

Liquidity and Cash Flows. Net proceeds from FHLBB borrowings were the primary source of funds in the first half of 2012. The primary use of funds was net loan growth. Deposit growth is expected to be the primary source of funds in the second half of the year, and net loan growth is expected to continue to be the primary use of funds. FHLBB borrowings will continue to be a significant source of liquidity for daily operations and borrowings targeted for specific asset/liability purposes. The Company also uses interest rate swaps in managing its funds sources and uses. At the end of the most recent quarter, the Company had approximately \$440 million in borrowing availability with the Federal Home Loan Bank. Berkshire plans to acquire Beacon Federal Bancorp in the fourth quarter, and plans to issue at least \$50 million in debt in conjunction with this merger. Additionally, Berkshire plans to divest two Tennessee branches to be acquired as part of the Beacon business combination, and to receive cash proceeds from this divestiture.

Berkshire Hills Bancorp had a cash balance totaling \$9 million as of June 30, 2012. The primary long run routine sources of funds for the Parent are expected to be dividends from Berkshire Bank and Berkshire Insurance Group, as well as cash from the exercise of stock options. The

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Parent also has a \$10 million revolving line of credit provided by a correspondent bank. The primary uses of funds by the parent include the payment of cash dividends on common stock and debt service, including debt service related to the planned debt financing for the Beacon acquisition. The Parent had a \$16 million cash balance at the start of the year, which was used to pay the \$9 million in cash consideration for the CBT acquisition.

Capital Resources. Please see the Stockholders' Equity section of the Comparison of Financial Condition for a discussion of stockholders' equity together with the Stockholders' Equity note to the consolidated financial statements. At June 30, 2012, Berkshire Bank continued to be classified as Well Capitalized. Additional

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information about regulatory capital is contained in the notes to the consolidated financial statements and in the 2011 Form 10-K.

As discussed in the 2011 Form 10-K and in Item 1A of this Form, there are financial system reforms which became federal law in July 2010 and which constitute the most significant regulatory and systemic reform since the 1930s. It cannot be determined at this time what the full effects of the reforms will be. Some of the reforms are intended to increase required capital levels in the banking system.

The Company issued 965 thousand shares of common stock as partial consideration for the shares of The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company on April 20, 2012. The Company plans to issue common stock as consideration for 50% of the Beacon shares. Additionally, the debt that the Company plans to issue for 40% of the Beacon shares is expected to qualify as Tier 2 capital in accordance with regulatory guidelines.

As a Savings and Loan Holding Company, the Company is not required to meet specific required capital ratio requirements under current federal regulations, although such requirements will become effective in the future.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations. In the normal course of operations, Berkshire engages in a variety of financial transactions that, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles are not recorded in the Company's financial statements. These transactions involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit, interest rate and liquidity risk. Such transactions are used primarily to manage customers' requests for funding and take the form of loan commitments and lines of credit. A further presentation of the Company's off-balance sheet arrangements is presented in the Company's 2011 Form 10-K and information relating to payments due under contractual obligations is presented in the 2011 Form 10-K. On May 30, 2012, Berkshire and Beacon entered into a merger agreement and Berkshire expects to complete the acquisition of Beacon before the end of the year and to merge Beacon Federal bank into Berkshire Bank.

In acquiring the operations of Greenpark Mortgage, Berkshire established these operations as a division of the bank and continued to operate this business line with the same management, team, and procedures. These include the Greenpark procedures for rate locking and committing to the origination of residential mortgages, the forward sale of mortgage backed securities through approved brokers to hedge interest rate risk in the mortgage pipeline, and the use of mandatory and best efforts contracts with established institutional buyers for the sale of the originated mortgages on a servicing released basis.

Fair Value Measurements. The Company records fair value measurements of certain assets and liabilities, as described in the related note in the financial statements. There were no significant changes in the fair value measurement methodologies during the first half of the year, except that the introduction of Greenpark related loans held for sale and derivatives expanded the scope of instruments requiring measurement. Acquired CBT and Greenpark assets and liabilities were recorded at fair value as of the acquisition dates and there were no significant changes in these values during the quarter. Due to continuing low interest rates, the fair value of fixed rate assets and liabilities generally increased in the first half of the year, as did prepayment rates of instruments with prepayment options. The fair value of Berkshire's loans included a \$92 million premium to carrying value at midyear, compared to a \$66 million premium at the start of the year. This improvement reflected the improved credit profile of the loan portfolio, along with the impact of lower medium term interest rates and market pricing spreads for loans. Of note, loans acquired in bank acquisitions were recorded at fair value at the time of acquisition, whereas the carrying value of historical loans is based on cost. Due primarily to the premium value of loans, the combined impact of the fair value estimates reflected an overall improvement in the economic value of equity related to these instruments, based solely on the measures utilized for the purpose of this analysis.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no material changes to the way that the Company measures market risk nor in the Company's net market risk position during the first half of 2012. For further discussion about the Company's Quantitative and Qualitative Aspects of Market Risk, please review Item 7A of the Report 10-K filed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

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As discussed in Item 2, Berkshire has a targeted position to maintain a moderately asset sensitive interest rate risk profile, as measured by the sensitivity of net interest income to market interest rate changes. During the first half of the year, the primary balance sheet changes from business activities were growth in fixed rate residential mortgages and growth in overnight FHLBB borrowings. The Company also increased its use of forward starting interest rate swaps on FHLBB borrowings. The acquisitions of CBT and the Greenpark operations also affected the balance sheet but did not significantly change the overall measures of interest rate sensitivity. The net impact of these changes was a modest reduction in the Company's asset sensitive net interest income sensitivity. The Company estimates that its asset sensitivity has decreased by approximately a third as a result of the changes in the first half of the year.

Berkshire maintains a discipline to avoid undue risks to net interest income and to the economic value of equity which would result from taking on excessive fixed rate assets in the current environment. The Company's interest rate risk modeling indicates that the net interest margin could decline in the future based on the existing balance sheet and if interest rates do not change. The Company strives to seek a balance in protecting against the risks of upward interest rate movements, while also attempting to minimize margin erosion in the current low rate environment. Management believes that net interest income might increase by more than the modeled amount in the possible situation of rising interest rates. Management might decide to retain more, longer duration assets, after interest rates increase, and this would contribute additional income in the case of a parallel shift in the yield curve. Also, the Company has experienced certain market floors on deposit pricing in the current near zero short-term interest rate environment. In the case of rising rates, deposits might not increase in rate as quickly as they are modeled since they are presently above other comparable market rates in some cases. Additionally, in some scenarios, the Company's fee income might also increase as a result of improved economic and market conditions that might be related to higher market interest rates.

Berkshire has entered into an agreement to acquire Beacon Federal Bancorp and plans to issue equity and debt instruments to finance this acquisition. The assets and liabilities of Beacon will be recorded at fair value as of the acquisition date, which is expected to be prior to year-end 2012. Berkshire will have the ability to adjust Beacon's asset liability structure as of that date and it is expected that Berkshire will be able to maintain its targeted interest rate sensitivity to maintain its targeted profile.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

a) Disclosure controls and procedures.

The principal executive officers, including the principal financial officer, based on their evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective for ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures, include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in filed or submitted reports is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting.

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There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

As of June 30, 2012, neither the Company nor the Bank was involved in any pending legal proceedings believed by management to be material to the Company's financial condition or results of operations. Periodically, there have been various claims and lawsuits involving the Bank, such as claims to enforce liens, condemnation proceedings on properties in which the Bank holds security interests, claims involving the making and servicing of real property loans and other issues incident to the Bank's business. However, neither the Company nor the Bank is a party to any pending legal proceedings that it believes, in the aggregate, would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or operations of the Company.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks that we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial, could adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results. Additionally, the Company has reported risk factors in the stock registration and proxy/prospectus forms filed with the SEC related to the CBT and Beacon acquisitions. While the CBT and Greenpark mergers have been completed, the Company continues to recognize the risks related to integration and management of the acquired operations which were previously identified in the subject SEC filings. Additionally, the Company continues to be engaged in a process for the conversion of its core processing system in 2012. The planned changes expose the Bank to new risks with new systems and new vendors. The Bank is working closely with third parties to manage the related operating and financial risks.

Additional risk factors which have been identified in the first half of 2012 include the following:

Failure to Complete the Pending Merger with Beacon Federal Bancorp Could Negatively Impact Our Stock Price and Future Business and Financial Results.

If this merger is not completed, our ongoing business may be adversely affected. In addition, we may experience negative reactions from the financial markets and from customers and employees. We also could be subject to litigation related to any failure to complete the merger or to enforcement proceedings commenced against us to perform certain obligations under the merger agreement. If the merger is not completed, we cannot assure our stockholders that the risks described above will not materialize and will not materially affect our business, financial results and stock price. The Beacon merger is expected to be financed with the issuance of subordinated debt. If this issuance is not completed due to market conditions or regulatory factors or changes in Berkshire's condition, there could be an impact on Berkshire's ability to achieve the financial and other targets related to the merger agreement. Please see the additional discussion of Beacon merger related risk factors in the Form S-4 filed with the SEC July 3, 2012.

Derivatives and Counterparty Risks Have Increased Due to the acquired Greenpark Mortgage Operations.

The total notional amount of derivative financial instruments increased 75% to \$1.0 billion in the first half of 2012, largely due to the acquisition of the Greenpark Mortgage operations. The increase includes customer interest rate lock commitments on applications for mortgages that Berkshire intends to sell, and forward sales of securities intended to hedge the interest rate risk of these rate lock commitments until the loans are closed and sold. These activities involve new derivative instruments and new broker/dealer counterparties, as well as the utilization of a new vendor which manages the hedging position. Additionally, the Greenpark division sells closed loans on a servicing released basis under mandatory and best efforts contracts to institutional secondary market purchasers, which are new counterparties for Berkshire. Berkshire could experience losses if there are

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failures in the controls or accounting for these activities or if there are performance failures by any of these new counterparties. The risk of loss is increased if interest rates change suddenly and the intended hedging objectives are not achieved as a result of market or counterparty behaviors.

Proposed New Federal Bank Capital Rules May Affect the Company's Future Condition and Performance.

On June 12, 2012, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board), and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) announced that they are seeking comment on three notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRs) that would revise and replace the agencies' current capital rules as these federal agencies move forward with implementing capital requirements consistent with agreements reached by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (Basel III). The agencies plan to issue final rules by the end of 2012. The proposed rules are currently preliminary and the Company will be assessing the potential impact of the proposed and final rules. Please see the further discussion of bank regulation and capital rules in Items I and IA in the Company's most recent filing on Form 10-K.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

- (a) No Company unregistered securities were sold by the Company during the quarter ended June 30, 2012.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) The following table provides certain information with regard to shares repurchased by the Company in the second quarter of 2012.

Period	Total number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	Maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
April 1-30, 2012 (1)	1,213	\$ 22.92		97,993
May 1-31, 2012				97,993
June 1-30, 2012				97,993
Total	1,213	\$ 22.92		97,993

(1) Shares represent common stock withheld by the Company to satisfy tax withholding requirements on the vesting of shares under the Company's benefit plans.

On December 14, 2007, the Company authorized the purchase of up to 300,000 additional shares, from time to time, subject to market conditions. The repurchase plan will continue until it is completed or terminated by the Board of Directors. The Company has no plans that it has elected to terminate prior to expiration or under which it does not intend to make further purchases.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 31, 2012, by and between Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. and Beacon Federal Bancorp, Inc. (1)

3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (2)

3.2 Bylaws of Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc., as amended and restated(3)

4.1 Form of Common Stock Certificate of Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (2)

10.1 Amended and Restated Employment Agreement by and among Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. and Michael P. Daly (4)

10.2 Amended and Restated Three Year Change in Control Agreement by and among Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. and Kevin P. Riley (4)

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- 10.3 Amended and Restated Three Year Change in Control Agreement by and among Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. and Sean A. Gray(6)
- 10.4 Amended and Restated Three Year Change in Control Agreement by and among Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. and Richard M. Marotta (5)
- 10.5 Amended and Restated Three Year Change in Control Agreement by and among Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. and Linda A. Johnston (6)
- 10.6 Amended and Restated Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement between Berkshire Bank and Michael P. Daly (7)
- 10.7 Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2011 Equity Incentive Plan (8)
- 10.8 Form of Berkshire Bank Employee Severance Compensation Plan (3)
- 10.9 Three Year Change in Control Agreement by and among Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. and Patrick J. Sullivan, dated as of December 21, 2010 (9)
- 10.10 Settlement Agreement by and among Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc., Legacy Bancorp, Inc., Legacy Banks and Patrick J. Sullivan, dated as of December 21, 2010 (9)
- 10.11 Severance Agreement by and among Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. and Patrick J. Sullivan, dated as of December 21, 2010 (9)
- 10.12 Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement by and among Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc., Legacy Bancorp, Inc., Legacy Banks and J. Williar Dunlaevy, dated as of April 6, 2011 (9)
- 10.13 Non-Competition and Consulting Agreement by and among Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc., Berkshire Bank and J. Williar Dunlaevy, dated as of April 6, 2011 (9)
- 10.14 Legacy Bancorp, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (10)
- 10.15 Form of Split Dollar Agreement entered into with Michael P. Daly, Kevin P. Riley, Sean A. Gray, Richard M. Marotta and Linda A. Johnston (11)
- 10.16 Endorsement Agreement between Geno Auriemma and Berkshire Bank, dated as of May 17, 2012
- 11.0 Statement re: Computation of Per Share Earnings is incorporated herein by reference to Part I, Item I, Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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101 Interactive data files pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T: (i) the Consolidated Statements of Condition, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity, (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (12)

- (1) Incorporated by reference from the Exhibits to the Form 8-K filed on June 1, 2012.
- (2) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibits to Form S-1, Registration Statement and amendments thereto, initially filed on March 10, 2000, Registration No. 333-32146.
- (3) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibits to the Form 8-K as filed on May 16, 2012.
- (4) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibits to the Form 8-K as filed on January 6, 2009.
- (5) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibits to the Form 10-K as filed on March 16, 2010.
- (6) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibits to the Form 10-K as filed on March 16, 2011.
- (7) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibits to Form 10-K as filed on March 16, 2009.
- (8) Incorporated herein by reference from the Appendix to the Proxy Statement as filed on March 24, 2011.
- (9) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibits to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 as filed on April 20, 2011, Registration No. 333-173404.
- (10) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibits to the Form 8-K filed by Legacy Bancorp, Inc. on December 22, 2010.
- (11) Incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibit to the Form 8-K as filed on January 19, 2011.
- (12) As provided in Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, this information is furnished and not filed for purposes of Sections 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

Dated: August 9, 2012

By: /s/ Michael P. Daly
Michael P. Daly
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: August 9, 2012

By: /s/ Kevin P. Riley
Kevin P. Riley
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer