

OLEKSAK MICHAEL J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
OLEKSAK MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC [BHLB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
24 NORTH STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/24/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP of Commercial Banking

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2009                           |  | F                              | 159 D \$ 21.74  | 2,925 <sup>(6)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,594   | I  | By Stock Award IV <sup>(4)</sup>  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,276   | I  | By Stock Award V <sup>(5)</sup>   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 0 <sup>(6)</sup>  | I  | By Stock Award <sup>(1)</sup>     |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,780   | I  |                                   |

|              |  |       |  |  |   |  |                           |
|--------------|--|-------|--|--|---|--|---------------------------|
| Common Stock |  |       |  |  |   |  | By Stock Award II<br>(2)  |
| Common Stock |  | 2,393 |  |  | I |  | By Stock Award III<br>(3) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| OLEKSAK MICHAEL J<br>24 NORTH STREET<br>PITTSFIELD, MA 01201 |               |           | VP of Commercial Banking |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Oleksak  
02/25/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on February 24, 2007.
- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Stock-Based Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2008.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2009.
- (4) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2008 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2010.
- (5) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2008 Equity Compensation Plan vest on January 30, 2010.
- (6) Since the reporting person's last report 500 shares previously held through Stock Award have vested and are now owned directly.

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