

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Gunsch Tami A.

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)
 10/01/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2016 | | F | V | 2,194 | D | \$ 27.71 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 9,136 ⁽⁶⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,943 | I | By Stock Award II ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 0 ⁽⁶⁾ | I | By Stock Award III ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,270 | I | By Stock Award IV ⁽³⁾ |

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| Common Stock | | 1,492 | I | By Stock Award V ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | | 1,530 | I | By Stock Award VI ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Common Stock | | 450 ⁽⁷⁾ | I | By 401(k) |

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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gunsch Tami A. 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

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

10/04/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan vest 50% in four equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2014 with the remaining 50% vesting on January 30, 2017.
- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan vest on October 1, 2016.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest 50% in three equal annual installments commencing on July 1, 2015 with the remaining 50% vesting on July 1, 2017.
- (4) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest 50% in three equal annual installments commencing on April 1, 2016 with the remaining 50% vesting on April 1, 2018.
- (5) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2017.
- (6) Since the reporting person's last report, 5,934 shares previously held through Stock Award III have vested and are now owned directly.
- (7) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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