

Marotta Richard M
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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 *
Marotta Richard M

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)
02/21/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and CEO

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/21/2019		A		5,316 (5)	A	\$ 0 46,805 D
Common Stock	02/21/2019		F		1,563	D	\$ 30.75 45,242 D
Common Stock							1,523 I By Stock Award X (1)
Common Stock							3,320 I By Stock Award XI (2)
							11,523 I

Common Stock							By Stock Award XII (3)
Common Stock				631 (4)	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. 3)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Marotta Richard M 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201			President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, pursuant to power of attorney
 02/22/2019
 **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. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2018.

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- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2019.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2020.
- (4) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

- On January 30, 2016 the reporting person was granted 5,850 shares of restricted stock subject to a three-year cliff vesting schedule and
- (5) subject to the satisfaction of certain performance criteria. The shares vested at 90.86% of target, resulting in the vesting of 5,316 shares of restricted stock, and were transferred to the executive on February 21, 2019.

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