BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

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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) 24 NORTH S	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2016	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP and Chief Risk Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
PITTSFIELD	, MA 01201			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/30/2016		A	5,850	A	\$ 0	5,850	I	By Stock Award IX
Common Stock	01/30/2016		F	2,559	D	\$ 27.78	28,588 (6)	D	
Common Stock							0 (6)	I	By Stock Award V
Common Stock							1,333 (6)	I	By Stock Award VI

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Common Stock	3,333 (6)	I	By Stock Award VII
Common Stock	4,016 <u>(6)</u>	I	By Stock Award VIII (4)
Common Stock	338 (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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or	8	ate	7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans
	Security				*						
				Code V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Marotta Richard M 24 NORTH STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

EVP and Chief Risk Officer

Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, pursuant to power of 02/02/2016 attorney

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

2 Reporting Owners

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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. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2014.
- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2015.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2015.
- (4) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2016.
- (5) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 2013 Equity Compensation Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 30, 2017.
- Since the reporting person's last report, 1,209 shares previously held through Stock Award V, 1,333 shares previously held through Stock (6) Award VI, 3,333 shares previously held through Stock Award VII and 2,008 shares previously held through Stock Award VIII 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. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.