

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
July 23, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **July 22, 2015**

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction)
of Incorporation)

001-15781
(Commission File No.)

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**

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Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02

Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 22, 2015, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the Company), the holding company for Berkshire Bank (the Bank), announced its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2015. The news release containing the financial results is included as Exhibit 99.1 and shall not be deemed filed for any purpose.

The Company conducted a conference call/webcast on July 23, 2015 to discuss the financial results for the quarter. A telephone replay of the call will be available through Friday, July 31, 2015. The webcast and a copy of management's script will be available on the Company's website for an extended period of time.

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Other Events

On July 23, 2015, Firestone Financial Corp. (Firestone) received shareholder approval to merge Firestone with and into a subsidiary of the Bank. Accordingly, all regulatory and shareholder approvals have been obtained to complete the acquisition of Firestone as a subsidiary of the Bank. The merger is anticipated to close on or about August 7, 2015.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

Description

99.1 News Release dated July 22, 2015

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, hereunto duly authorized.

Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.

DATE: July 23, 2015

By:

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