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Form 8-K March 02, 2005

> 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): March 2, 2005

Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-15781 (Commission File Number)

04-3510455 (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On March 2, 2005, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), made a presentation at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Regional Bank Conference, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this report is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K. Accordingly, the information in this report, including the presentation, will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Presentation at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Regional Bank Conference by the Company

SIGNATURE

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: March 2, 2005 By:

/s/ GERALD A. DENMARK

Name: Gerald A. Denmark Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel