

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
October 06, 2008

**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): October 6, 2008**

**BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-51584**  
(Commission File No.)

**04-3510455**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**01201**  
(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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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On October 6, 2008, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the Company), the holding company for Berkshire Bank, issued a press release announcing the commencement of an underwritten public offering of approximately \$30 million of its common stock. The underwriters have been granted a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 15% of the shares sold to cover over-allotments, if any. The Company is expected to use the net proceeds from the offering to pursue growth opportunities and for general corporate purposes. A copy of the Company's press release dated October 6, 2008 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**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.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
23.1	Consent of Wolf & Company, P.C.
99.1	Press Release dated October 6, 2008

**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: October 6, 2008

By: /s/ Kevin P. Riley  
Kevin P. Riley,  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer