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March 16, 2007

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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 15, 2007

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 0-51584 ----- (Commission File Number) | 04-3510455 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts ----- (Address of principal executive offices) | 01201 ----- (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601

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 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;

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APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF

CERTAIN OFFICERS.

(c) On March 15, 2007, the Company announced that Kevin P. Riley, age 47, has been appointed as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company and Bank, effective August 1, 2007. Until August 1, Mr. Riley will be concluding his on-going projects at KeyCorp but will be providing services to the Company and the Bank on a consulting basis.

Mr. Riley will come to the Company and Bank after twenty-one years with KeyCorp, where he most recently serves as Executive Vice President for Client Information & Relationship Management. Before holding that position, from 1996 to 2002, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of KeyBank National Association.

For more information, reference is made to the Company's press release dated March 15, 2007, a copy of which is attached to this Report as Exhibit 99.1 and is furnished herewith.

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

| Number ----- | Description ----- |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated March 15, 2007 |

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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.

Dated: March 16, 2007

By: /s/ John S. Millet

John S. Millet
Senior Vice President and Interim Chief
Financial Officer