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Form 8-K

November 17, 2005

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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) November 16, 2005

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.) |
| 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:

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER ITEMS.

On November 16, 2005, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), the holding company for Berkshire Bank, announced: (1) the hiring of President for its New York Region; and (2) that it has established a regional headquarters in Albany, New York. A copy of the Company's press release announcing these items is attached 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) Exhibits

| Number ----- | Description ----- |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated November 16, 2005 |

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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: November 17, 2005

By: /s/ Wayne F. Patenaude

Wayne F. Patenaude
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer