

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
May 14, 2018

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): May 14, 2018

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<u>Delaware</u>	<u>001-15781</u>	<u>04-3510455</u>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

<u>60 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts</u>	<u>01209</u>
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 773-5601, ext. 133773

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):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01**

**Other Events.**

On May 14, 2018, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a news release announcing that Kroll Bond Rating Agency, Inc., a full-service rating agency, has initiated coverage on the Company and its subsidiary, Berkshire Bank. The news release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is 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.

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1      News Release dated May 14, 2018

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: May 14, 2018 By: /s/ Wm. Gordon Prescott  
Wm. Gordon Prescott

Senior Vice President and General Counsel