

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

February 5, 2019

Wm. Gordon Prescott Sr. Executive Vice President and General Counsel Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. 60 State Street Boston, MA 02109

> Re: Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-4 Filed February 4, 2019 File No. 333-229506

Dear Mr. Prescott:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Christopher Dunham, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3783 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Financial Services

cc: Marc P. Levy, Esq.