

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
[VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/22/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President & CFO

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/22/2008		M	4,782 A \$ 19.66	112,885	D	
Common Stock	09/22/2008		F	9,348 D \$ 24	103,537	D	
Common Stock	09/22/2008		M	6,943 A \$ 18.77	110,480	D	
Common Stock					743	I	Ira/wife
Common Stock					2,034	D	

Common  
Stock  
(401k Plan)

3,011 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 19.66	09/22/2008		M	4,782	11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock 4,782
Stock Option	\$ 18.77	09/22/2008		M	6,943	11/27/2002 11/27/2011	Common Stock 6,943
Stock Option	\$ 17.81					02/12/2009 02/12/2018	Common Stock 17,326
Stock Option	\$ 23.32					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock 18,191
Stock Option	\$ 22.92					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock 15,316
Stock Option	\$ 21.31					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock 16,785
Stock Option	\$ 15.91					11/28/2001 11/28/2010	Common Stock 5,025
Stock Option	\$ 23.01					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock 14,587
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 18.77					11/27/2002 11/27/2011	Common Stock 11,485

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ESKOW ALAN D 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			Executive Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ M. NASETTE ARANDA, AS  
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

09/24/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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