

Mueller Bernadette  
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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 \*  
 Mueller Bernadette

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP, Retail Banking

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/07/2012

WAYNE, NJ 07470  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/07/2012		A	9,740 <sub>(2)</sub> A \$ 0	48,605	D	
Common Stock					112	I	Shares held by daughter
Common Stock (401k Plan) <sup>(3)</sup>					2,417	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 12.5048					11/15/2011 11/15/2020	Common Stock	6,288
Stock Options	\$ 16.981					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	3,491
Stock Options	\$ 19.8					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	3,325
Stock Options	\$ 19.8762					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	3,519
Stock Options	\$ 18.4095					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	4,020
Stock Options	\$ 20.1429					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock	3,829
Stock Options	\$ 15.6857					11/14/2008 11/14/2017	Common Stock	3,647
Stock Options	\$ 14.9524					11/17/2009 11/17/2018	Common Stock	2,315

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mueller Bernadette 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470			Executive VP, Retail Banking	

## Signatures

/s/ BERNADETTE  
MUELLER

02/08/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% stock dividend on April 13, 2011, to shareholders of record on May 6, 2011, payable May 20, 2011.
- (2) Restricted shares granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with three-year equal vesting, beginning at grant date.
- (3) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting person's balance in the Plan.

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