

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 *
 ESKOW ALAN D

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)
 02/12/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President & CFO

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

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | 726 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| 401K | | | | | 2,867 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| COMMON STK. | | | | | 1,937 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2008 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 9,625 A \$ 0 | 94,811 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 708 ⁽¹⁾ | I | IRA/WIFE |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 14.7333 | | | | | 10/23/1999 | 10/23/2008 | Common Stock | 3,9 |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.3143 | | | | | 11/12/2000 | 11/12/2009 | Common Stock | 8,7 |
| Stock Option | \$ 16.7143 | | | | | 11/28/2001 | 11/28/2010 | Common Stock | 16, |
| Stock Option | \$ 19.7143 | | | | | 11/27/2002 | 11/27/2011 | Common Stock | 6,6 |
| Stock Option | \$ 20.6371 | | | | | 11/18/2003 | 11/18/2012 | Common Stock | 15, |
| Stock Option | \$ 22.3855 | | | | | 11/14/2006 | 11/14/2015 | Common Stock | 15, |
| Stock Option | \$ 24.0665 | | | | | 11/17/2004 | 11/17/2013 | Common Stock | 14, |
| Stock Option | \$ 24.1615 | | | | | 11/16/2005 | 11/16/2014 | Common Stock | 13, |
| Stock Option | \$ 24.4857 | | | | | 11/13/2007 | 11/13/2016 | Common Stock | 17, |
| Stock Option | \$ 18.7 | 02/12/2008 | | A ⁽⁵⁾ | 16,500 | 02/12/2009 | 02/12/2018 | Common Stock | 16, |
| STOCK OPTION/NQ | \$ 19.7143 | | | | | 11/27/2002 | 11/27/2011 | Common Stock | 10, |

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

ALANDESKOW 02/14/2008

 Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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).
- (2) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.
- (4) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 11, 2007, payable May 25, 2007 to shareholders of record on May 11, 2007.
- (3) Restricted shares granted under the 1999 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with five-year equal vesting beginning at grant date.
- (1) Adjusted for additional shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment Plan
- (5) Granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, exercisable in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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