

Mueller Bernadette  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/15/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP, Retail Banking

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  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price				
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	11/15/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>		A	V	4,798	A \$ 0	37,014	D	
Common Stock							107	I	Shares held by daughter
Common Stock (401k Plan) <sup>(4)</sup>							2,153	D	

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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/NQ	\$ 13.13	11/15/2010		A	5,989 (1)	11/15/2011	11/15/2020	Common Stock	5,989
Stock Options	\$ 14.76					11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	4,847
Stock Options	\$ 16.67					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	3,695
Stock Options	\$ 17.83					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	3,325
Stock Options	\$ 20.79					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	3,167
Stock Options	\$ 20.87					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	3,351
Stock Options	\$ 19.33					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	3,829
Stock Options	\$ 21.15					11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	3,647
Stock Options	\$ 16.47					11/14/2008	11/14/2017	Common Stock	3,473
Stock Options	\$ 15.7					11/17/2009	11/17/2018	Common Stock	2,205

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Executive VP, Retail Banking

Mueller Bernadette  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
WAYNE, NJ 07470

## Signatures

/s/ BERNADETT  
MUELLER

11/16/2010

  \*\*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) ISOs granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, with three-year equal vesting, beginning at grant date.
- (2) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% dividend on April 14, 2010, issued May 21, 2010 to shareholders of record on May 7, 2010.
- (3) Restricted shares granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with three-year equal vesting, beginning at grant date.
- (4) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting person's balance in the Plan.

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