

Mueller Bernadette
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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)
 09/12/2012

____ 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)
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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) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 09/12/2012 | | S | 1,947 D \$ 10.24 | 49,088 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 117 | I | Shares held by daughter |
| Common Stock (401k Plan) ⁽²⁾ | | | | | 2,610 | 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 | \$ 11.91 | | | | | 11/15/2011 11/15/2020 | Common Stock | 6,602 |
| Stock Options | \$ 16.16 | | | | | 11/18/2003 11/18/2012 | Common Stock | 3,666 |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.85 | | | | | 11/17/2004 11/17/2013 | Common Stock | 3,491 |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.93 | | | | | 11/16/2005 11/16/2014 | Common Stock | 3,695 |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.54 | | | | | 11/14/2006 11/14/2015 | Common Stock | 4,221 |
| Stock Options | \$ 19.19 | | | | | 11/13/2007 11/13/2016 | Common Stock | 4,020 |
| Stock Options | \$ 14.93 | | | | | 11/14/2008 11/14/2017 | Common Stock | 3,829 |
| Stock Options | \$ 14.24 | | | | | 11/17/2009 11/17/2018 | Common Stock | 2,431 |

Reporting Owners

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

WAYNE, NJ 07470

Signatures

/s/ BERNADETTE
MUELLER

09/13/2012

 **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 18, 2012, issued May 25, 2012 to shareholders of record on May 11, 2012.
- (2) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting person's balance in the Plan.

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