

ESKOW ALAN D
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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)
11/25/2008

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

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 Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2008 | 11/28/2008 | S | 1,483 D \$ 18.6 | 111,031 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2008 | 11/28/2008 | S | 1,500 D \$ 18.47 | 109,531 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2008 | 11/28/2008 | S | 2,000 D \$ 18.55 | 107,531 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2008 | 11/28/2008 | S | 2,000 D \$ 18.2 | 105,531 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 743 | I | Ira/wife |

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Common
Stock
(401k Plan)
(1)

2,840 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 | \$ 18.77 | | | | | 11/27/2002 11/27/2011 | Common Stock | 11,485 |
| Stock Options | \$ 15.91 | | | | | 11/28/2001 11/28/2010 | Common Stock | 5,025 |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.77 | | | | | 11/27/2002 11/27/2011 | Common Stock | 6,943 |
| Stock Options | \$ 19.66 | | | | | 11/18/2003 11/18/2012 | Common Stock | 11,300 |
| Stock Options | \$ 22.92 | | | | | 11/17/2004 11/17/2013 | Common Stock | 15,316 |
| Stock Options | \$ 23.01 | | | | | 11/16/2005 11/16/2014 | Common Stock | 14,587 |
| Stock Options | \$ 21.31 | | | | | 11/14/2006 11/14/2015 | Common Stock | 16,785 |
| Stock Options | \$ 23.32 | | | | | 11/13/2007 11/13/2016 | Common Stock | 18,191 |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.81 | | | | | 02/12/2009 02/12/2018 | Common Stock | 17,326 |

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/ ALAN D.
ESKOW

11/26/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting officer's balance in the Plan.

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