

GOULD ERIC W  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
GOULD ERIC W

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)  
11/14/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
First Senior Vice President

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	11/14/2011		F	291 D \$ 12	110,198	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	11/15/2011		F	124 D \$ 11.79	110,074	D	
Common Stock					19,721	I	By Trust
Common Stock					618	I	Custodian For Minor Child
Common Stock					1,965	D	

(401k  
Plan) <sup>(2)</sup>

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options	\$ 19.8					Date Exercisable: 11/17/2004 Expiration Date: 11/17/2013	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares: 5,173
Stock Options	\$ 19.88					Date Exercisable: 11/16/2005 Expiration Date: 11/16/2014	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares: 4,926
Stock Options	\$ 18.42					Date Exercisable: 11/14/2006 Expiration Date: 11/14/2015	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares: 5,361
Stock Options	\$ 20.14					Date Exercisable: 11/13/2007 Expiration Date: 11/13/2016	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares: 5,106
Stock Options	\$ 15.68					Date Exercisable: 11/14/2008 Expiration Date: 11/14/2017	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares: 3,889
Stock Options	\$ 14.95					Date Exercisable: 11/17/2009 Expiration Date: 11/17/2018	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares: 1,158

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOULD ERIC W 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			First Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ ERIC W.  
GOULD

11/15/2011

\_\_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) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting person's balance in the Plan.

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