

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 4

November 15, 2006

FORM 4UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
11/13/2006

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

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

4. If Amendment, Date Original
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
COMMON STOCK					646 ⁽¹⁾	D			
401K	11/13/2006		J ⁽²⁾		237	A	\$ 0	2,384 ⁽³⁾	D
COMMON STK.					1,845 ⁽¹⁾	D			
Common Stock	11/13/2006		A ⁽⁴⁾		8,000	A	\$ 0	79,790 ⁽⁵⁾	D
Common Stock					630 ⁽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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 15.47							10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	7,000
Stock Option	\$ 16.08							11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	8,300
Stock Option	\$ 17.55							11/28/2001	11/28/2010	Common Stock	15,900
Stock Option	\$ 20.7							11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	6,200
Stock Option	\$ 21.669							11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	14,500
Stock Option	\$ 23.5048							11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	15,200
Stock Option	\$ 25.2698							11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	13,800
Stock Option	\$ 25.3696							11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	13,200
Stock Option	\$ 25.71	11/13/2006		A ⁽⁴⁾	16,500			11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	16,500
STOCK OPTION/NO	\$ 20.7							11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	10,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Reporting Owners

ESKOW ALAN D
1455 VALLEY ROAD
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Executive Vice President & CFO

Signatures

ALAN D
ESKOW

11/15/2006

**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).
- (3) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.
- (5) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match
- (1) Adjusted for additional shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment Plan
- (4) 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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