

ESKOW ALAN D  
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 \*  
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)  
06/12/2009

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/12/2009		A	(A) or (D) Amount 7,500 (2)	\$ 0 118,293 (4)	D (1)	
Common Stock					813	I (1)	Ira/wife
Common Stock (401k Plan)					3,009	D (3)	

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	\$ 17.8762					11/27/2002 11/27/2011	Common Stock	12,059
Stock Options	\$ 15.1524					11/28/2001 11/28/2010	Common Stock	5,276
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Stock Options	\$ 18.7238					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	11,865
Stock Options	\$ 21.8286					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	16,082
Stock Options	\$ 21.9143					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	15,316
Stock Options	\$ 20.2952					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	17,624
Stock Options	\$ 22.2095					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock	19,101
Stock Options	\$ 16.9619					02/12/2009 02/12/2018	Common Stock	18,192

## 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

06/16/2009

          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) Adjusted for additional shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
  - (2) Restricted shares granted under the 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in three-year equal installments beginning at grant date.
  - (3) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting officer's balance in the Plan.
  - (4) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 14, 2009, payable May 22, 2009 to stockholders on record May 8, 2009.

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