

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
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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)  
11/13/2006

\_\_\_\_ 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)

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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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK					646 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
401K	11/13/2006		J <sup>(2)</sup>	237 A \$ 0	2,384 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
COMMON STK.					1,845 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2006		A <sup>(4)</sup>	8,000 A \$ 0	79,790 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					630 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	IRA/WIFE

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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 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	15,500
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	15,500
Stock Option	\$ 25.2698					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	13,500
Stock Option	\$ 25.3696					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	13,500
Stock Option	\$ 25.71	11/13/2006		A <sup>(4)</sup>	16,500	11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	16,500
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 20.7					11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	10,500

## 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

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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