

MULLIGAN ROBERT J  
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 \*  
MULLIGAN ROBERT J

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)  
09/29/2008

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

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) |        |   |                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|---|----------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                                       |        |   |                      |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 09/29/2008                           |                                                    | M                              | V                                                                 | 5,541                                                                                         | A                                                        | \$ 14.58                                              | 45,986 | D |                      |
| Common Stock                    | 09/29/2008                           |                                                    | M                              | V                                                                 | 5,277                                                                                         | A                                                        | \$ 16.28                                              | 51,263 | D |                      |
| Common Stock                    | 09/29/2008                           |                                                    | F                              | V                                                                 | 7,761                                                                                         | D                                                        | \$ 21.48                                              | 43,502 | D |                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       | 293    | I | Children's Ownership |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       | 999    | 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |       |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                                       | (A)                                                      | (D)        | Title                                                         | Amount or Number of Shares |       |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 14.58                                               | 09/29/2008                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                                         | 5,541                                                    |            | Common Stock                                                  | 5,541                      |       |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 16.28                                               | 09/29/2008                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                                         | 5,277                                                    |            | Common Stock                                                  | 5,277                      |       |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 22.92                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 11/17/2004 | 11/17/2013                                                    | Common Stock               | 7,659 |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.32                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 11/13/2007 | 11/13/2016                                                    | Common Stock               | 7,717 |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 19.66                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 11/18/2003 | 11/18/2012                                                    | Common Stock               | 7,507 |
| Stock Option/NQ                            | \$ 18.32                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 11/07/2001 | 11/07/2011                                                    | Common Stock               | 301   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 18.32                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 11/07/2002 | 11/07/2011                                                    | Common Stock               | 8,073 |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 17.81                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 02/12/2009 | 02/12/2018                                                    | Common Stock               | 4,200 |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.01                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 11/16/2005 | 11/16/2014                                                    | Common Stock               | 7,293 |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 21.31                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 11/14/2006 | 11/14/2015                                                    | Common Stock               | 6,946 |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

MULLIGAN ROBERT J  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

First Senior Vice President

## Signatures

/s/ ROBERT J.  
MULLIGAN

09/30/2008

\_\_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) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 7, 2008, payable May 23, 2008 to shareholders of record on May 9, 2008.

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