

CROCITTO PETER P
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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 *
CROCITTO PETER P

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)
10/25/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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 (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| 401K | 10/25/2006 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 75 A \$ 0 | 2,266 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| COMMON STK. | | | | | 12,104 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/25/2006 | | G | 1,380 D \$ 0 | 83,716 ⁽³⁾ ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/25/2006 | | G | 2,760 A \$ 0 | 7,580 | I | CUSTODIAN/CHILD |
| Common Stock | 10/25/2006 | | G | 1,380 D \$ 0 | 35,448 | I | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.08 | | | | | 11/18/1998 | 11/18/2007 | Common Stock | 21,984 |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.36 | | | | | 11/23/2000 | 11/23/2009 | Common Stock | 16,753 |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.47 | | | | | 10/23/1999 | 10/23/2008 | Common Stock | 17,590 |
| Stock Option | \$ 17.55 | | | | | 11/28/2001 | 11/28/2010 | Common Stock | 17,548 |
| Stock Option | \$ 20.7075 | | | | | 11/27/2003 | 11/27/2011 | Common Stock | 5,196 |
| Stock Option | \$ 21.669 | | | | | 11/18/2003 | 11/18/2012 | Common Stock | 14,587 |
| Stock Option | \$ 23.5048 | | | | | 11/14/2006 | 11/14/2015 | Common Stock | 15,225 |
| Stock Option | \$ 25.2698 | | | | | 11/17/2004 | 11/17/2013 | Common Stock | 13,892 |
| Stock Option | \$ 25.3696 | | | | | 11/16/2005 | 11/16/2014 | Common Stock | 13,230 |
| STOCK OPTION/NQ | \$ 20.7075 | | | | | 11/27/2002 | 11/27/2011 | Common Stock | 11,516 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CROCITTO PETER P 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470- | | | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT | |

Signatures

PETER P
CROCITTO 10/27/2006

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (1) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match
- (2) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 5, 2006, payable May 22, 2006 to shareholders of record on May 8, 2006.

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