

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
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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)  
08/12/2008

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

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 762 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| 401K                            |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,011 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |   |
| COMMON STK.                     |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,034 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/12/2008                           |  | M/K                            | 9,236 A \$ 14.585   | 109,972 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/12/2008                           |  | F/K                            | 6,097 D \$ 22.09  | 103,875 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 743 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | IRA/WIFE  |

Common  
Stock

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                               | \$ 15.9184   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/28/2001 11/28/2010                                    | Common Stock 17,5   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 17.8095   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/12/2009 02/12/2018                                    | Common Stock 17,3   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 18.7755   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/27/2002 11/27/2011                                    | Common Stock 6,93   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 19.6544   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/18/2003 11/18/2012                                    | Common Stock 16,0   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 21.3195   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2006 11/14/2015                                    | Common Stock 16,7   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 22.9205   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/17/2004 11/17/2013                                    | Common Stock 15,3   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.011  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/16/2005 11/16/2014                                    | Common Stock 14,5   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.3197   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2007 11/13/2016                                    | Common Stock 18,1   |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 14.585  | 08/12/2008                           |  | M/K                            | 9,236   | 11/12/2000 11/12/2009                                    | Common Stock 9,23   |
| STOCK OPTION/NQ                            | \$ 18.7755   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/27/2002 11/27/2011                                    | Common Stock 11,4   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                       | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| ESKOW ALAN D<br>1455 VALLEY ROAD<br>WAYNE, NJ 07470- |               |           | Executive Vice President & CFO |       |

## Signatures

ALANDESKOW                      08/13/2008

  Signature of Reporting                      Date  
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).
- (2) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.
- (3) Valley declared a 5 percent stock dividend on April 7 2008, payable May 23, 2008 to stockholders of record on May 9, 2008.
- (1) Adjusted for additional shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment Plan

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