ESKOW ALAN D

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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ESKOW ALAN D Issuer Symbol VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) [VLY] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1455 VALLEY ROAD 09/22/2011 Senior EVP & CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WAYNE, NJ 07470-(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned of

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi r(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (1) (2)	09/22/2011	P	2,000	A	\$ 9.7735	152,976	D	
Common Stock (Roth IRA)	09/22/2011	P	1,150	A	\$ 9.87	10,075	D	
Common Stock						987	I (1)	Ira/wife
Common Stock (401k Plan)						3,847	D (3)	

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquirect (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/NQ	\$ 12.5					11/15/2011	11/15/2020	Common Stock	20,162
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 16.22					11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	13,295
Stock Options	\$ 16.98					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	13,081
Stock Options	\$ 19.8					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	17,729
Stock Options	\$ 19.88					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	16,887
Stock Options	\$ 18.41					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	19,430
Stock Options	\$ 20.14					11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	21,059
Stock Options	\$ 15.38					02/12/2009	02/12/2018	Common Stock	20,057

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ESKOW ALAN D			Senior EVP & CFO				
1455 VALLEY ROAD							

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Signatures

/s/ ALAN D. ESKOW

09/22/2011

**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) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% stock dividend on April 13, 2011, to shareholders of record on May 6, 2011, payable May 20, 2011.
- (3) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting person's balance in the Plan.

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