

ESKOW ALAN D  
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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)  
11/14/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CHIEF

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

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

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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)
COMMON STOCK					595 <u>(1)</u>	D	
401K					1,801 <u>(2)</u>	D	
COMMON STK.					1,737 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	11/14/2005		A <sup>(3)</sup>	7,500 A	\$ 0 68,371 <u>(4)</u>	D	
Common Stock					580 <u>(1)</u>	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952					10/23/1999 10/23/2008	Common Stock	6,7
Stock Option	\$ 16.5905					11/12/2000 11/12/2009	Common Stock	7,9
Stock Option	\$ 18.6571					11/28/2001 11/28/2010	Common Stock	15,
Stock Option	\$ 21.7429					11/27/2001 11/27/2011	Common Stock	5,9
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	13,
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	13,
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	12,
Stock Option	\$ 24.68	11/14/2005		A	14,500	11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	14,
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 21.7429					11/27/2002 11/27/2011	Common Stock	9,9

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ESKOW ALAN D 1455 VALLEY ROAD			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CHIEF	

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

## Signatures

ALAN D  
ESKOW

11/16/2005

\_\_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).
- (4) 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 update on Valley shares held under the Valley 401k plan, as of December 31, 2004.
- (3) Restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (1) Includes Dividend Reinvestment Plan
- (5) 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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