

FARRELL ROBERT E
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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 *
FARRELL ROBERT E

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)
04/27/2009

____ 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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/27/2009	04/30/2009	S	V	5,300	D	\$ 14.5
Common Stock					136	I	Spouse

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 18.3215					11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,410
Stock Options	\$ 10.9238					11/07/1996 11/07/2006	Common Stock	38,388
Stock Options	\$ 18.3215					11/07/2001 11/07/2011	Common Stock	5,965
Stock Options	\$ 16.2721					11/15/2001 11/15/2010	Common Stock	2,344
Stock Options	\$ 19.6544					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	7,504
Stock Options	\$ 22.9205					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	7,658
Stock Options	\$ 23.011					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	7,293
Stock Options	\$ 21.3195					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	8,104
Stock Options	\$ 23.3197					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock	7,718
Stock Options	\$ 18.1524					11/14/2008 11/14/2017	Common Stock	4,725

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARRELL ROBERT E 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

/s/ ROBERT E.
FARRELL

04/28/2009

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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