

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)  
12/15/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior EVP & CFO

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 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub> | 12/10/2010                           |  | G                              | V 485 D \$ 0  | 144,961   | D  |   |
| Common Stock (Roth IRA)                    | 12/15/2010                           |  | P                              | 8,500 <sub>(3)</sub> A \$ 13.7949                                 | 8,500   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                               |                                      |  |                                |   | 940   | I <sup>(1)</sup>   | Ira/wife  |
| Common Stock                               |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,529   | D <sup>(4)</sup>   |   |

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(401k  
Plan)

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                            | \$ 13.13   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/15/2011 11/15/2020                                    | Common Stock  | 19,202                        |
| Stock Option/NQ                            | \$ 17.03   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/27/2002 11/27/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 12,662                        |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 14.43   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/28/2001 11/28/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 5,540                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 17.83   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/18/2003 11/18/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 12,458                        |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 20.79   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/17/2004 11/17/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 16,885                        |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 20.87   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/16/2005 11/16/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 16,083                        |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 19.33   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2006 11/14/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 18,505                        |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 21.15   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2007 11/13/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 20,056                        |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 16.15   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/12/2009 02/12/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 19,102                        |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ ALAN D.  
ESKOW

12/16/2010

\_\_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% dividend on April 14, 2010, issued May 21, 2010 to shareholders of record on May 7, 2010.
- (3) Shares purchased for Roth IRA conversion.
- (4) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting person's balance in the Plan.

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