

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
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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 *
 DELANEY ELIZABETH 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)
 09/22/2008

____ 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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	09/22/2008		M	3,176 A \$ 16.28	14,691	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	09/22/2008		F	2,155 D \$ 24	12,536	D	
Common Stock					95	I	Spouse - Ira
Common Stock (401k Plan)					1,393	D	

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	\$ 16.28	09/22/2008		M	3,176	11/15/2001 11/15/2010	Common Stock	3,176
Stock Option	\$ 18.15					11/14/2008 11/14/2017	Common Stock	2,100
Stock Option	\$ 23.01					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	3,039
Stock Option	\$ 18.32					11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock	3,351
Stock Option	\$ 19.66					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	3,016
Stock Option	\$ 22.92					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	3,191
Stock Option	\$ 23.32					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock	3,308
Stock Option	\$ 21.31					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	3,473

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DELANEY ELIZABETH E 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			First Senior Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ ELIZABETH E. DE
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09/24/2008

__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) Valley declared a 5 percent stock dividend on April 7, 2008, payable May 23, 2008 to stockholders of record on May 9, 2008.

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