

FARRELL ROBERT E
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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)
03/20/2006

____ 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)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
401K					1,892	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2006		M/K	3,594 A \$ 11.76	47,374 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2006		M/K	1,661 D \$ 25.46	45,713 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock / IRA					3,753	D	
Common Stock					2,037	I	IRA/WIFE

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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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option	\$ 15.2					10/27/1998	10/27/2007	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952					10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 16.5905					11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 18.6571					11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095					11/07/2001	11/07/2011	COMMON STK.
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 24.68					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 11.7429	03/20/2006		M/K	3,594	11/07/1997 ⁽²⁾	11/07/2006	Common Stock
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 21.2095					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock

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

ROBERT E
FARRELL

03/21/2006

 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) 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) 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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