

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
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 \*  
GOULD ERIC W

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)  
09/19/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
First Senior Vice President

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	09/19/2007		M/K	V	5,863	A	\$ 17.24	95,839 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	09/19/2007		F/K	D	4,293	D	\$ 23.55	91,546 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)								1,257 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								16,230	I	By trust
								510	I	

Common  
Stock

Custodian  
for minor  
child

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option	\$ 19.2376					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	3,82
Stock Option	\$ 20.6371					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	4,46
Stock Option	\$ 22.3855					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	4,41
Stock Option	\$ 24.0665					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	4,25
Stock Option	\$ 24.1615					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	4,05
Stock Option	\$ 24.4857					11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	4,20
Stock Option	\$ 17.2335	09/19/2007		M/K	5,863	01/19/2002	01/19/2011	Common Stock	5,86
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 19.2376					11/07/2004	11/07/2011	Common Stock	95

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

GOULD ERIC W  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

First Senior Vice President

## Signatures

ERIC W  
GOULD

09/20/2007

\_\_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).
- (3) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.
- (1) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 11, 2007, payable May 25, 2007 to shareholders of record on May 11, 2007.
- (2) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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