

ESKOW ALAN D
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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 *
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)
11/16/2004

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CHIEF

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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	11/16/2004		A ⁽¹⁾	7,500 A	\$ 0 57,972 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock					534 ⁽³⁾	I	IRA/WIFE
COMMON STK.					1,636 ⁽³⁾	D	
COMMON STOCK					549 ⁽³⁾	D	
401K					1,495 ⁽³⁾	D	

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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
Stock Option	\$ 16.69					10/23/1999 10/23/2008	Common Stock	6,3
Stock Option	\$ 17.42					11/12/2000 11/12/2009	Common Stock	7,5
Stock Option	\$ 19.59					11/28/2001 11/28/2010	Common Stock	14,
Stock Option	\$ 22.83					11/27/2001 11/27/2011	Common Stock	5,7
Stock Option	\$ 23.89					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	13,
Stock Option	\$ 27.86					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	12,
Stock Option	\$ 27.97	11/16/2004		A ⁽⁴⁾	12,000	11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	12,
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 22.83					11/27/2002 11/27/2011	Common Stock	9,4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CHIEF

Signatures

ALAN D
ESKOW

11/17/2004

 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) Restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
 - (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.
 - (3) Includes Dividend Reinvestment Plan
 - (4) Incentive stock options, 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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