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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Co.

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1(b).

Plan)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ENGEL ALBERT L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1455 VALLI	, ,	(Middle)	Earliest Tra ay/Year))09	ansaction			Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President				
W. V. V. V.	Filed(Mont			ndment, Date Original hth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
WAYNE, N.							Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Executi	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) c l of (D))	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 (1)	11/17/2009			A	5,800 (2)	A	\$ 0	79,682	D		
Common Stock (401k								3,007	D (3)		

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secui (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 21.829					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	9,381	
Stock Options	\$ 21.9152					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	12,763	
Stock Options	\$ 20.3043					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	17,624	
Stock Options	\$ 22.2093					11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	19,101	
Stock Options	\$ 16.9615					02/12/2009	02/12/2018	Common Stock	18,191	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ENGEL ALBERT L 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ ALBERT L. 11/19/2009 ENGEL

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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 National Bancorp declared a 5% dividend on April 14, 2009, issued on May 22, 2009 to shareholders of record on May 8, 2009.

(2)

Reporting Owners 2

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Restricted stock granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan. Under the TARP rules, the restricted stock grants cannot vest for a period of two years following the grant date. If the TARP funds are repaid, the restricted stock may be subject to a three year vesting period.

(3) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting officer's balance in the Plan.

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