

GOULD ERIC W  
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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)  
11/14/2011

\_\_\_\_ 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) | (A) or (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount     | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 11/14/2011                           |  | F                              |   | 291        | \$ 12   | 110,198  | D                                 |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 11/15/2011                           |  | F                              |   | 124        | \$ 11.79  | 110,074  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |            |   | 19,721   | I By Trust                        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |            |   | 618  | I Custodian For Minor Child       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |            |   | 1,965  | D                                 |

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(401k  
Plan) <sup>(2)</sup>

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Options                              | \$ 19.8  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/17/2004 11/17/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 5,173   |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 19.88   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/16/2005 11/16/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 4,926   |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.42   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2006 11/14/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 5,361   |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 20.14   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2007 11/13/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 5,106   |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 15.68   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2008 11/14/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 3,889   |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 14.95   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/17/2009 11/17/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 1,158   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                       | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| GOULD ERIC W<br>1455 VALLEY ROAD<br>WAYNE, NJ 07470- |               |           | First Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ ERIC W.  
GOULD

11/15/2011

\_\_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 National Bancorp declared a 5% stock dividend on April 13, 2011, to shareholders of record on May 6, 2011, payable May 20, 2011.
  - (2) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting person's balance in the Plan.

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