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OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FARRELL ROBERT E Issuer Symbol VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) [VLY] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1455 VALLEY ROAD 11/13/2006 FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WAYNE, NJ 07470-Person

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Ac	equired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if TransactionAcany Code Di		4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D 4 and))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
401K	11/13/2006		Code V $J_{(1)}^{(1)}$	Amount 171	(A) or (D) A	Price \$ 0	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 2,158	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2006		A(2)	1,800	A	\$0	49,799 (3) (4)	D	
Common Stock / IRA							3,941	D	
Common Stock							2,139	I	IRA/WIFE

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nui of Sha
Stock Option	\$ 14.33					10/27/1998	10/27/2007	Common Stock	8,
Stock Option	\$ 15.47					10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	8,
Stock Option	\$ 16.08					11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	8,
Stock Option	\$ 17.94					11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	7,
Stock Option	\$ 20.1995					11/07/2001	11/07/2011	COMMON STK.	5,
Stock Option	\$ 20.1995					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$ 21.669					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	6,
Stock Option	\$ 23.5048					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	7,
Stock Option	\$ 25.2698					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	6,
Stock Option	\$ 25.3696					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	6,
Stock Option	\$ 25.71	11/13/2006		A(2)	7,000	11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	7,
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 20.1995					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,

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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 11/15/2006

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (3) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (1) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match
- (4) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 5, 2006, payable May 22, 2006 to shareholders of record on May 8, 2006.
- (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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