VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(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 VALI		Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/13/2006			DirectorX Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify			
WAYNE, N	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date O Filed(Month/Day/Year) AYNE, NJ 07470-					1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Executio any	med n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d 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)		
Common Stock	11/13/2006			A(1)	8,000	A	\$ 25.71	40,112 (2) (3)	D		
Common Stock (401K Plan)	11/13/2006			J <u>(4)</u>	74	A	\$ 0	2,235	D		

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

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	A) d of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Stock Option	\$ 14.33						10/27/1998	10/27/2007	Common Stock	6,5
Stock Option	\$ 15.47						10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	8,7
Stock Option	\$ 16.08						11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	8,3
Stock Option	\$ 17.94						11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	9,5
Stock Option	\$ 20.1995						11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	6,0
Stock Option	\$ 21.669						11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	8,5
Stock Option	\$ 23.5048						11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	15,2
Stock Option	\$ 25.2698						11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	8,1
Stock Option	\$ 25.3696						11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	11,0
Stock Option	\$ 25.71	11/13/2006		A(1)	16,500		11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	16,
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 20.1995						11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	3,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	tionships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ENGEL ALBERT L 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			Executive Vice President			

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ALBERT L ENGEL 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).
- (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.
- (4) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match
- (3) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 5, 2006, payable May 22, 2006 to shareholders of record on May 8, 2006.
- (1) 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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