

DELANEY ELIZABETH E
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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 *
DELANEY ELIZABETH E

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)
12/19/2005

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

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/19/2005		M/K	1,676 A \$ 16.24	8,395 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2005		F/K	1,114 D \$ 24.44	7,281 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)					962	D	
Common Stock					82	I	Spouse - IRA

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.8762					11/12/2000 11/12/2009	Common Stock	3,191
Stock Option	\$ 18.8381					11/15/2001 11/15/2010	Common Stock	3,039
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095					11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,894
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	2,605
Stock Option	\$ 24.68					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	2,756
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	2,625
Stock Option	\$ 16.2381	12/19/2005		M/K	1,676	⁽³⁾ 10/23/2008	Common Stock	1,676

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DELANEY ELIZABETH E 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

ELIZABETH E. DE
LANEY

12/19/2005

__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) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 6, 2005, payable May 20, 2005 to shareholders of record on May 6, 2005.
- (3) 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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