

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
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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
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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)
12/07/2004

____ 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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	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					55,482 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)					563	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2004	12/10/2004	S	2,746 D	\$ 27.23	288,316 ⁽²⁾	I By trust
Common Stock					441	I	Custodian for minor child

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.24					07/01/1998	06/30/2008	Common Stock	2,210
Stock Option	\$ 19.95					01/19/2002	01/19/2011	Common Stock	5,065
Stock Option	\$ 22.27					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	3,308
Stock Option	\$ 23.89					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	3,859
Stock Option	\$ 27.86					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	3,675
Stock Option	\$ 27.97					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	3,500
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 22.27					11/07/2004	11/07/2011	Common Stock	827

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOULD ERIC W 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

ERIC W
GOULD

12/09/2004

__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) Shares held by trusts for which the reporting person and another reporting person of the issuer are co-trustees

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