

LENNER MARC J
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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 *
LENNER MARC J

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)
11/04/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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)	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 ⁽¹⁾	11/04/2011		S	162,940 ⁽²⁾	\$ 11.8556	21,248	I	The Lester M. Entin Trust - 50% Trustee
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ ⁽³⁾						27,519	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ ⁽³⁾						10,033	I	Custodian For Daughters

Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>	10,036	I	Custodian For Sons
Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>	411	I	Spouse

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LENNER MARC J 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	X			

Signatures

/s/ MARC J.
LENNER 11/07/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Valley National Bancorp declared 5% stock dividends paid in each of May 2009, May 2010 and May 2011.

These shares are held by a family trust, created by the estate of the grandfather of Mr. Lenner, for which Mr. Lenner is a co-trustee. The trust is selling its Valley shares as part of tax planning for the estate. Subject to certain legal issues, the Trust may purchase a similar

(2) number of Valley shares in the future. Shares held in the trust are for the benefit of descendants of Mr. Lenner's grandparents. Mr. Lenner is an indirect beneficiary of only 25% of the trust. Mr. Lenner disclaims any pecuniary interest in the ownership of the other portion of the trust.

(3) Adjusted for additional shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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