

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) May 9, 2005

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey

1-11277

22-2477875

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification
Number)

1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (973) 305-8800

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

Valley National Bancorp (the Corporation) has declared a 5% stock dividend to be distributed to shareholders on May 20, 2005. Effective May 9, 2005, the Corporation amended the first sentence of Article V of its Certificate of Incorporation to increase by 7,852,123 shares (5%) the total authorized capital stock of the Corporation to 194,894,580 shares, consisting of 164,894,580 shares of common stock and 30,000,000 shares of preferred stock which may be issued in one or more classes or series. The amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit (3)(A).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit

(3)(A) Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Valley National Bancorp, dated May 9, 2005.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Dated: May 12, 2005

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow

Name: Alan D. Eskow
Title: Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Title
(3)(A)	Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Valley National Bancorp, dated May 9, 2005.
