

Mueller Bernadette  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Mueller Bernadette		(Month/Day/Year)	VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]	
(Last)	(First)	12/15/2009		
1455 VALLEY ROAD			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
WAYNE,Â NJÂ 07470			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Executive VP, Retail Banking	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	30,682	D	Â
Common Stock	102	I	Shares held by daughter
Common Stock (401k Plan)	1,945	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Options	11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	4,616	\$ 15.5041	D	Â
Stock Options	11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	3,519	\$ 17.4454	D	Â
Stock Options	11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	3,167	\$ 18.7226	D	Â
Stock Options	11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	3,016	\$ 21.8257	D	Â
Stock Options	11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	3,191	\$ 21.9139	D	Â
Stock Options	11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	3,647	\$ 20.2933	D	Â
Stock Options	11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	3,473	\$ 22.2121	D	Â
Stock Options	11/14/2008	11/14/2017	Common Stock	3,308	\$ 17.2831	D	Â
Stock Options	11/17/2009	11/17/2018	Common Stock	2,100	\$ 16.4857	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mueller Bernadette 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470	Â	Â	Â Executive VP, Retail Banking	Â

## Signatures

/s/ BERNADETT  
MUELLER

12/21/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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