

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) April 5, 2006

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# VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

1-11277  
(Commission File Number)

22-2477875  
(I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification Number)

1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07470  
(Zip Code)

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

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

***Approval of the amendment to the Valley National Bancorp 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan***

On April 5, 2006, Valley National Bancorp's shareholders approved an amendment to the Valley National Bancorp 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "1999 Plan"), as approved by the Board of Directors on February 14, 2006, to increase by 1,800,000 the number of shares of Valley's common stock available for awards under the 1999 Plan. The amendment increases the number of shares available for incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options and stock appreciation rights by 1,200,000 and the number of shares available for awards of restricted stock under the 1999 Plan by 600,000.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On April 5, 2006, Valley National Bancorp issued a press release regarding the Chief Executive Officer's presentation to shareholders at Valley's Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

*The information in this Item 7.01 to Current Report on Form 8-K, including the attached exhibit, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. The information in this Item 7.01 to Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.*

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Valley National Bancorp 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to the Appendix A to Valley National Bancorp's Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, filed on March 1, 2006.)

99.1 Press Release, dated April 5, 2006.

**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.

Dated: April 7, 2006

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow  
Alan D. Eskow  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

EXHIBITS INDEX

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