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1. Name and A ENGEL AL	Address of Reporting I BERT L	Symbo	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)		(Month	<ul> <li>3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended</li> <li>(Month/Day/Year)</li> <li>12/31/2005</li> </ul>				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Executive Vice President				
1455 VALLEY ROAD Executive Vice President								ent			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-Der	ivative Sec	curities	s Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, any (Month/Day/Yea	Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		r )	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	24,309 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â		
Common Stock (401K	12/30/2005	Â	J <u>(2)</u>	238	А	\$0	1,919	D	Â		

Plan)

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)	Number		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Sha
Stock Option	\$ 11.7429	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10/01/1997	10/01/2006	Common Stock	10,99
Stock Option	\$ 15.2	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10/27/1998	10/27/2007	Common Stock	6,28
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	8,37
Stock Option	\$ 16.5905	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	7,97
Stock Option	\$ 18.6571	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	9,11
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	5,75
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	8,10
Stock Option	\$ 24.68	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	14,50
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	7,71
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	10,50
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 21.2095	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,93

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â			

#### ENGEL ALBERT L 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJÂ 07470-

## Signatures

\*\*Signature of

Reporting Person

ALBERT L ENGEL

02/09/2006

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) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match

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