

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
May 13, 2009

**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 11, 2009**

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**New Jersey**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-11277**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-2477875**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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

(973) 305-8800

07470  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**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 22, 2009. Effective May 11, 2009, the Corporation amended Paragraph (A), Article V of its Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase by 9,544,304 shares (5%) the total authorized capital stock of the Corporation to 230,430,392 shares, consisting of 200,430,392 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)(i).

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**Exhibit**

(3)(i) Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Valley National Bancorp, dated May 11, 2009.

**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: May 13, 2009

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow  
Alan D. Eskow

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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