

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): June 2, 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)

07470
(Zip Code)

(973) 305-8800

(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 2, 2009, Valley National Bancorp (Valley) announced that it received approval from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for its request to redeem \$75 million of Valley s \$300 million in Series A Preferred Stock issued to the Treasury pursuant to the Capital Purchase Program. On June 3, 2009, Valley will pay approximately \$75.2 million to the Treasury to repurchase the preferred stock, including accrued and unpaid dividends for these shares. Valley s redemption of the shares is not subject to additional conditions or stipulations from the Treasury.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit

99 Press Release dated June 2, 2009.

The Press Release disclosed in this Item 9.01 as Exhibit 99 shall be considered furnished but not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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: June 3, 2009

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

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