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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) August 28, 2013

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey (State or Other Jurisdiction

1-11277 (Commission 22-2477875 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification Number)

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

07470 (Zip Code)

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

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- " 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 August 28, 2013, Valley National Bancorp (Valley) issued a press release announcing that it received approval from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to redeem all of the outstanding 7 3 ⁄ $_4$ % Trust Preferred Securities issued by VNB Capital Trust I totaling \$127.3 million and to issue up to \$125 million in subordinated debt.

A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 Press Release dated August 28, 2013.

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: August 29, 2013 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

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

Senior Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)