

Israni Ashok
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Israni Ashok

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION, 555 S. FLOWER STREET

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CITY NATIONAL CORP [CYN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/27/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---|--|------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Security (Instr. 5) | | | |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Fund Units (DDCP) | (1) | 05/27/2009 | A | | 973 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 973 \$ 35.9 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Israni Ashok
 C/O CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION
 555 S. FLOWER STREET
 LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

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Signatures

Michael B. Cahill,
 Attorney-in-Fact

05/29/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

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) These Stock Fund Units were acquired under the Director Deferred Compensation Plan (DDCP) and convert to stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The Stock Fund Units are generally distributed upon termination, or following retirement on the date or dates specified by the reporting person.

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