CITY NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CAREY CHRISTOPHER J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CITY NATIONAL CORP [CYN]

(Middle)

(Check all applicable)

(First) 400 NORTH ROXBURY DRIVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/31/2009

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

below) **EVP & Chief Financial Officer**

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

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) 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 Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

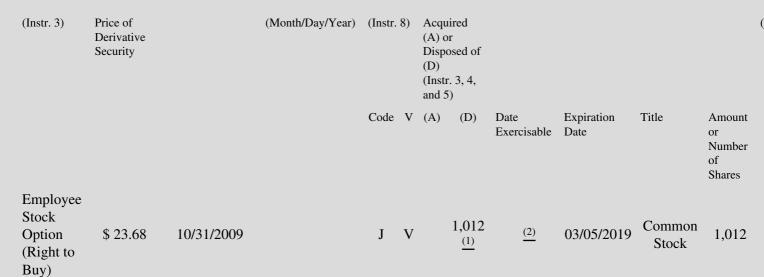
Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CAREY CHRISTOPHER J 400 NORTH ROXBURY DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

EVP & Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Christopher J.

Carey 12/16/2009

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Pursuant to limitations and restrictions in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended by the American Recovery and (1) Reinvestment Act of 2009 and Interim Final Regulations thereunder, 1012 options granted to the reported person were forfeited for no consideration as of October 31, 2009 to comply with applicable law.
- (2) The forfeited options were scheduled to vest in four equal installments beginning on March 6, 2010.

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