

HANDLER DAVID A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
HANDLER DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC  
[PENN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2008

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

WYOMISSING, PA 19610  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
				(A)	(D)			
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 7.95	12/31/2008	D <sup>(1)</sup>		45,000	02/06/2007	01/06/2010	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 7.95	12/31/2008	A <sup>(1)</sup>	45,000		01/01/2012	12/31/2012	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 12.15	12/31/2008	D <sup>(2)</sup>		60,000	01/29/2008	01/29/2011	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 12.15	12/31/2008	A <sup>(2)</sup>	60,000		01/01/2013	12/31/2013	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 29.22	12/31/2008	D <sup>(3)</sup>		60,000	01/06/2009	01/06/2012	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 29.22	12/31/2008	A <sup>(3)</sup>	60,000		01/06/2009	01/06/2015	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 33.12	12/31/2008	D <sup>(4)</sup>		30,000	01/12/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/12/2013	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 33.12	12/31/2008	A <sup>(4)</sup>	30,000		01/12/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/12/2016	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 41.62	12/31/2008	D <sup>(5)</sup>		30,000	01/02/2008 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/02/2014	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 41.62	12/31/2008	A <sup>(5)</sup>	30,000		01/02/2008 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/02/2017	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 29.34	12/31/2008	D <sup>(6)</sup>		20,000	08/08/2009 <sup>(6)</sup>	08/08/2015	Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 29.34	12/31/2008	A <sup>(6)</sup>	20,000		08/08/2009 <sup>(6)</sup>	08/08/2018	Comm Stock

# Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HANDLER DAVID A 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 WYOMISSING, PA 19610		X		

## Signatures

/s/Robert S. Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for David A.  
 Handler 01/15/2009  
\*\*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) The two reported transactions involve an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date of such option. For purposes of Section 16 reporting, the amendment of the outstanding option constitutes a deemed cancellation of an "old" option and the grant of a "new" replacement option. The option was originally granted on 02/06/2003.
  - (2) The two reported transactions involve an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date of such option. For purposes of Section 16 reporting, the amendment of the outstanding option constitutes a deemed cancellation of an "old" option and the grant of a "new" replacement option. The option was originally granted on 01/29/2004.
  - (3) The two reported transactions involve an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date of such option. For purposes of Section 16 reporting, the amendment of the outstanding option constitutes a deemed cancellation of an "old" option and the grant of a "new" replacement option. The option was originally granted on 01/06/2005.
  - (4) The two reported transactions involve an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date of such option. For purposes of Section 16 reporting, the amendment of the outstanding option constitutes a deemed cancellation of an "old" option and the grant of a "new" replacement option. The option was originally granted on 01/12/2006 and vests over 4 years at 25% on the anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (5) The two reported transactions involve an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date of such option. For purposes of Section 16 reporting, the amendment of the outstanding option constitutes a deemed cancellation of an "old" option and the grant of a "new" replacement option. The option was originally granted on 01/02/2007 and vests over 4 years at 25% on the anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (6) The two reported transactions involve an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date of such option. For purposes of Section 16 reporting, the amendment of the outstanding option constitutes a deemed cancellation of an "old" option and the grant of a "new" replacement option. The option was originally granted on 08/08/2008 and vests over 4 years at 25% on the anniversary of the date of grant.

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