## FORM 4

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Wash	ington,	D.C.	20549	

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  WILMOTT TIMOTHY J  (Last) (First) (Middle)				_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC [ PENN ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)						elationship o ck all applica Director Officer ( below)	able) give title		10% Own Other (sp below)	ner	
825 BERKSHIRE BLVD				0	01/03/2012						President & COO					
SUITE 2		32,2														
(Street) WYOMI	ISSING I	PA	19610	4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				6. Inc Line)	Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	(	State)	(Zip)									Person				
		Ta	able I - Non-D	erivat	ive S	ecuritie	s Ac	cquired, Di	sposed o	of, or Bei	neficially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans Date (Month/I		e	action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr.		ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and 5	and 5) Securities Beneficially Owned Foll		Form:	: Direct III r Indirect E str. 4) C	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
					Code V	Amount	(A) oi (D)	Price	Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 au				nstr. 4)			
			Table II - Dei (e.ç					quired, Dis s, options,				Owned	•		'	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Derivative			Transaction Deriva Code (Instr. B) Secur Acqui or Dis of (D)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		n Date of Secu ay/Year) Underl Derivat		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transactio (Instr. 4)	on(s)		
Non- Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$38.07	01/03/2012		A		200,000		01/03/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/03/2019	Common Stock	200,000	\$0	200,000	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Vests over 4 years at 25% a year on the anniversary of the date of grant.

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney-01/05/2012 in-fact for Timothy J Wilmott

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

**OWNERSHIP** 

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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