FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  CLIFFORD WILLIAM J  (Last) (First) (Middle)  825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200					Suer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC [ PENN ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2005						[Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chief Financial Officer					
(Street) WYOMI	ISSING P.	State)	19610 (Zip)	_		,		of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable .ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				Transact te	action 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transactio	4. Securi	ties Acquire i Of (D) (Inst	d (A) or r. 3, 4 and 5	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially		Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		. Nature of idirect eneficial ewnership instr. 4)		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Trans Code		5. Number of Derivative		quired, Disposed o s, options, convert 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)				8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	e S Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transactio (Instr. 4)	on(s)			
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	\$58.44	01/06/2005		A		1,711		01/06/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/06/2012	Common Stock	1,711	\$0	1,711		D		
Non- Qualified Stock options (right to	\$58.44	01/06/2005		A		148,289		01/06/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/06/2012	Common Stock	148,289	\$0	148,28	39	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Exercisable over 4 years at 25% a year

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorneyin-fact for William J Clifford 01/10/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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