FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SAVITCH JORDAN B						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC [PENN]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last) 825 BER	,	irst) BLVD SUITE 20	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2012								Officer (give title below) Sr. Vice President/General Cou			
(Street) WYOMI	ISSING PA		19610 (Zip)		4.	If Ame	ndment, I	lment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tal	ble I - Nor	n-Deri	ivativ	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired, Di	sposed	of, or Be	neficiall	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans: Date (Month/E				ear)	2A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	Code (Inst					s ally following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)				
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea	Date,	Code (Inst				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ot (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- Qualified Stock Options (right to	\$38.07	01/03/2012			A		70,000		01/03/2013 ⁽¹⁾	01/03/2019	Common Stock	70,000	\$0	70,00	00	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 Jordan B Savitch

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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