

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HANDLER DAVID A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200</u> (Street) <u>WYOMISSING PA 19610</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC [PENN]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/03/2012</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock ⁽³⁾	01/03/2012		M		2,371	A	⁽³⁾	63,566	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2012		D		2,371	D	\$38.07	61,195	D	

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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 of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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
Phantom Stock Unit	⁽¹⁾	01/03/2012		A		6,567		⁽²⁾	⁽²⁾	Common Stock	6,567	\$0	6,567	D	
Phantom Stock Unit	⁽³⁾	01/03/2012		M			2,371	01/03/2012	01/03/2012	Common Stock	2,371	⁽³⁾	4,742	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Upon vesting, the recipient is entitled to a cash payment for each unit equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of one share of the Company's common stock.
- The Phantom Stock Unit is scheduled to vest as follows: 1,642 units on January 3, 2013; 1,642 units on January 3, 2014; 1,642 units on January 3, 2015 and 1,641 units on January 3, 2016.
- The recipient receives a cash payment for each unit equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of one share of the Company's Common Stock.

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney- in-fact for David A Handler 01/05/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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