FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person (Check all applicable) PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC PENN **CLIFFORD WILLIAM J** Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify X below) below) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) (Last) (First) (Middle) 01/02/2010 Chief Financial Officer 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Street) 19610 Form filed by One Reporting Person WYOMISSING PA Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 6. Ownership Form: Direct 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Execution Date, Transaction Indirect Date (Month/Day/Year) Beneficially Beneficial if anv Code (Instr. (D) or Indirect (Month/Day/Year) Owned Following Ownership (Instr. 4) 8) (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) 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. Transa Code (8)			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	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Non- Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$27.19	01/02/2010		A		150,000		01/02/2011 ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2017	Common Stock	150,000	\$0	150,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

/s/Robert S <u>Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for William J Clifford</u> 01/05/2010

** 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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