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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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			or Section 30(II) of the investment Company Act of 1940						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC [PENN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
<u>CARLINO PETER M</u>				X	Director	Х	10% Owner		
(Last) 825 BERKSHIRI	(First) E BLVD SUI	(Middle) TE 200	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2005	x	Officer (give title below) Chairman		Other (specify below)		
(Street) WYOMISSING	PA	19610	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	ridual or Joint/Group F Form filed by One F	0.			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	—		Form filed by More Person	han C	ne Reporting		
		Table I - Non-D	perivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefic	ially C	Dwned				

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)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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)		Derivative		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)	\$58.44	01/06/2005		A		300,000		01/06/2006 ⁽¹⁾	01/06/2015	Common Stock	300,000	\$0	300,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Exercisable over 4 years at 25% a year

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney-01/10/2005 in-fact for Peter M. Carlino

** 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).

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