

<b>FORM 4</b>	<b>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b> Washington, D.C. 20549	OMB APPROVAL
<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</b>		OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: December 31, 2001 Estimated average burden hours per response: . . . . 0.5
Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(t) of the Investment Company Act of 1940		
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Carlino, Peter M.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) 825 Berkshire Blvd Suite 200 (Street) <b>Wyomissing, PA 19610</b> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Penn National Gaming, Inc. PENN</b> 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for (Month/Year) <b>December 2000</b> 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other Officer/Other Description <b>Chairman</b> 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Group Filing		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (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/D			
Common Stock	12/05/2000	G	23,100.00	D	\$17.00	570,654.00	D	
Common Stock						4,510,808.00	I	Shares held by The Carlino Family Trust

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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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)	4. Transaction Code and Voluntary (V) Code (Instr.8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3,4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr.4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
Stock options (right to buy)	\$0.00					Common Stock - 703,000.00		703,000.00	D	

Explanation of Responses :

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person 01-10-2001  
Date

/s/ Peter M. Carlino  
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