

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CARLINO PETER M</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman</p> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/19/2004</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |
| 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 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/19/2004 | | M | | 29,600 | A | \$1.67 | 1,242,260 | D ⁽²⁾ | |
| Common Stock | 03/19/2004 | | S | | 29,600 | D | \$28 | 1,212,660 | D ⁽²⁾ | |

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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$1.67 | 03/19/2004 | | M | | | 29,600 | 05/26/1995 | 05/26/2004 | Common Stock | 29,600 | \$0 | 30,400 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- All Transactions reported on this Form 4 were made pursuant to a stock trading plan established pursuant to rule 10b5-1
- The reporting person is also the indirect beneficial owner of 5,533,180 shares, which are owned by the Carlino Family Trust, a ten percent owner of the issue. Peter M. Carlino is a Trustee of the Trust. Peter M. Carlino disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Carlino family Trust, and this report should not be deemed an admission that Peter M. Carlino is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purpose of section 16 or for any other purposes.

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney- 03/22/2004
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).

** 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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