

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[] Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Carlino, Peter M
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 Wyomissing, Pa Berks 19610
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Penn National Gaming, Inc. PENN
3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 10/31/00
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (x) Director (x) 10% Owner (x) Officer (give title below)
 () Other (specify below)
 Chairman
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)
 (x) Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	10/2/00	G [1]	106858	D	I	See Note [2]
Common Stock	10/2/00	G	20000	A	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Stock Options, (right to buy)						Common Stock		703000		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares held by the Carlino Family Trust being distributed to the beneficiaries of the trust.
2. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares being distributed, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of section 16 or for any other purpose.

/s/ Peter M. Carlino
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /Signature/
 Peter M. Carlino
 DATE
 11/10/00