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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

Finamore John

(Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

[PENN]

(Month/Day/Year)

825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 01/02/2010

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(City) (State) (Zip) 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Sr VP -Regional Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

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Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

5. Number of 4. **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title

Date

Non-Qualified

Stock Options \$ 27.19 01/02/2010 A 40,000 01/02/2011 O1/02/2017 Common Stock

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Finamore John

825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 Sr VP -Regional Operations

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

Signatures

/s/Robert S. Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for John
Finamore

01/05/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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