HANDLER DAVID A

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HANDLER DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Issuer

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

(Check all applicable)

[PENN]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below)

825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 01/06/2005

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

(I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Ar 4. TransactionDerivative Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Se Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security or Exercise Code Securities any

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Date Non-Qualified Common **Stock Options** \$ 58.44 01/06/2005 A 30,000 01/06/2006(1) 01/06/2012 Stock (right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HANDLER DAVID A 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 X WYOMISSING, PA 19610

Signatures

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for David A
Handler

01/10/2005

**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) Exrecisable over 4 years at 25% a year

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