PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HANDLER DAVID A

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

(Check all applicable)

[PENN]

(Month/Day/Year)

(Last)

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

(Instr. 8)

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title

Other (specify

825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 08/08/2008

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

below)

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 Ownership (I)

Following Reported

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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** \$ 29.34 08/08/2008 Α 20,000 08/08/2009(1) 08/08/2015 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

08/12/2008

**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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