

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CARLINO PETER M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC
 [PENN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

WYOMISSING, PA 19610
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 03/13/2017 | | M | 6,542 A | \$ 248,777 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2017 | | D | 6,542 D | \$ 14.94 242,235 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,882,405 | I ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ | By Trusts |

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 (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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------|
| Phantom Stock Unit | (1) | 03/13/2017 | | M | 6,542 | (1) (1) | Common Stock | 6,542 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARLINO PETER M
825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 X
WYOMISSING, PA 19610

Signatures

/s/ Christopher Rogers as attorney-in-fact for Peter M. Carlino

03/15/2017

**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) The recipient receives a cash payment for each phantom stock unit equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of one share of the Company's common stock. Of the original award of phantom stock units, 6,542 units vested on March 13, 2017. The remaining 6,542 phantom stock units will vest on March 13, 2018.

(2) Includes 365,212 shares owned by a residuary trust for the benefit of Peter D. Carlino and Peter D. Carlino's children. The reporting person is a trustee of the residuary trust with shared voting and investment power. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the residuary trust, except to the extent to of his pecuniary interest therein, and this report should not be deemed an admission the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

(3) Includes 5,517,193 shares held by the Carlino Family Trust, as to which Peter M. Carlino has sole voting power for certain matters. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the trust, except to the extent to of his pecuniary interest therein, 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 any other purpose.

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