

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC
 Form 4
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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 *
DESANCTIS KEVIN G

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)
04/13/2005

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
President & Chief Operating Of

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 04/13/2005 | | M | 37,644 A \$ 2.655 | 37,644 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/13/2005 | | M | 12,356 A \$ 2.655 | 50,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/13/2005 | | S | 50,000 D \$ 33.68 | 0 | D | |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Incentive Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 2.655 | 04/13/2005 | | M | 37,644 | 03/22/2002 03/22/2008 | Common Stock 37 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 2.655 | 04/13/2005 | | M | 12,356 | 03/22/2002 03/22/2008 | Common Stock 12 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DESANCTIS KEVIN G 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 WYOMISSING, PA 19610 | | | President & Chief Operating Of | |

Signatures

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for Kevin G DeSanctis
04/15/2005

**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) All transactions on this form 4 were made pursuant to a stock trading plan, dated February 28, 2005, established pursuant to rule 10b5-1.

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