#### PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

Form 4

October 29, 2008

### 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HANDLER DAVID A			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) (M	Middle)	3. Date of (Month/Da	Earliest Tra	nsaction			_X_ Director Officer (give	title Othe	Owner er (specify
825 BERKS	SHIRE BLVD SU	ITE 200	10/27/20	-				below)	below)	
	(Street)			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	_			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O	•	
WYOMISS	ING, PA 19610							Form filed by M Person	Iore than One Re	porting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitin(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	posed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	10/27/2008			M	15,000	A	φ 7.95	40,000	D	

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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)	f TransactionDerivative Expiration Code Securities (Month)		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 7.95	10/27/2008		M	15,000	02/06/2004	02/06/2010	Common Stock	15

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HANDLER DAVID A 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 WYOMISSING, PA 19610	X						

### **Signatures**

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

10/29/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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