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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

Burke Thomas

(Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

[PENN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 02/06/2012

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) Sr VP-Regional Operations

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) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					()		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock (3)	02/07/2012		M	3,750	A	\$ 20.03	47,423	D	
Common Stock (3)	02/07/2012		S	3,750	D	\$ 42	43,673	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 or 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/06/2012		A	7,043		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	7,043
Non Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) (3)	\$ 20.03	02/07/2012		M		3,750	10/06/2011	10/06/2015	Common Stock	3,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Burke Thomas

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Sr VP-Regional Operations

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

Signatures

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for Thomas Burke

02/08/2012

**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) Upon vesting, the recipient is entitled to a cash payment for each unit equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of one share of the Company's common stock.
- (2) The Phantom Stock Unit is scheduled to vest as follows: 1,761 units on February 06, 2013; 1,761 units on February 06, 2014; 1,761 units on February 06, 2015 and 1,760 units on February 06, 2016.
- (3) This transaction was made pursuant to a stock trading plan, dated December 15, 2011, established pursuant to rule 10b5-1

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