

CLIFFORD WILLIAM J
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FORM 4

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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 *
 CLIFFORD WILLIAM J

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)
 12/31/2008

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

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title Underlying Security (Instr. 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code	V	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
					(A)	(D)			
Incentive Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 29.22	12/31/2008	<u>D</u> ⁽¹⁾			3,422	01/06/2009	01/06/2012	Com Sto
Incentive Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 29.22	12/31/2008	<u>A</u> ⁽¹⁾		3,422		01/06/2009	01/06/2015	Com Sto
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 29.22	12/31/2008	<u>D</u> ⁽²⁾			296,578	01/06/2009	01/06/2012	Com Sto
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 29.22	12/31/2008	<u>A</u> ⁽²⁾		296,578		01/06/2009	01/06/2015	Com Sto
Incentive Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 33.12	12/31/2008	<u>D</u> ⁽³⁾			3,019	01/12/2010	01/12/2013	Com Sto
Incentive Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 33.12	12/31/2008	<u>A</u> ⁽³⁾		3,019		01/12/2010	01/12/2016	Com Sto
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 33.12	12/31/2008	<u>D</u> ⁽⁴⁾			96,981	01/12/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	01/12/2013	Com Sto
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 33.12	12/31/2008	<u>A</u> ⁽⁴⁾		96,981		01/12/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	01/12/2016	Com Sto
Incentive Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 41.62	12/31/2008	<u>D</u> ⁽⁵⁾			2,402	01/02/2011	01/02/2014	Com Sto
Incentive Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 41.62	12/31/2008	<u>A</u> ⁽⁵⁾		2,402		01/02/2011	01/02/2017	Com Sto
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 41.62	12/31/2008	<u>D</u> ⁽⁶⁾			97,598	01/02/2008 ⁽⁶⁾	01/02/2014	Com Sto
Non-Qualified Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 41.62	12/31/2008	<u>A</u> ⁽⁶⁾		97,598		01/02/2008 ⁽⁶⁾	01/02/2017	Com Sto
Incentive Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 29.87	12/31/2008	<u>D</u> ⁽⁷⁾			3,347	07/08/2012	07/08/2015	Com Sto

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"new" replacement option. The option was originally granted on 07/08/2008.

- (8) The two reported transactions involve an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date of such option. For purposes of Section 16 reporting, the amendment of the outstanding option constitutes a deemed cancellation of an "old" option and the grant of a "new" replacement option. The option was originally granted on 07/08/2008 and vests in installments over 4 years on the anniversary of the date of grant.

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