

HARRAHS ENTERTAINMENT INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 SHANKS VIRGINIA E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HARRAHS ENTERTAINMENT INC [HET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE HARRAH'S COURT  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/10/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

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

(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 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	05/10/2006	05/10/2006	M		12,668	A	\$ 52.585
Common Stock	05/10/2006	05/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>		12,668	D	\$ 83
Common Stock							4,952
						I	401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 52.585	05/10/2006	05/10/2006	M	12,668	<u>(3)</u>	06/16/2011	Common Stock	12,668

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHANKS VIRGINIA E ONE HARRAH'S COURT LAS VEGAS, NV 89119			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Virginia E. Shanks by Angela P. Winter,  
attorney-in-fact

05/11/2006

\*\*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 sale transaction covered by this Form 4 is being sold pursuant to a rule 10(b)5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting pers on on May 8, 2006.
- (2) Held by the Trustees of the Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. Savings and Retirement Plan. Holdings reported as of February 28, 2006 and rounded to nearest share.
- (3) Exercisable in three equal installments on 1/1/2005, 1/1/2006, and 1/1/2007.

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