

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC
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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 *
IPPOLITO ROBERT S

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)
01/12/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President, Secretary/Trea

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/12/2006 | | A | 20,000 A \$ 0 | 27,400 | 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)

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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) | 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Incentive Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 33.12 | 01/12/2006 | | A | 3,019 | 01/12/2007 ⁽¹⁾ 01/12/2013 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 33.12 | 01/12/2006 | | A | 56,981 | 01/12/2007 ⁽¹⁾ 01/12/2013 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| IPPOLITO ROBERT S 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 WYOMISSING, PA 19610 | | | Vice President, Secretary/Trea | |

Signatures

/s/Robert S Ippolito 01/17/2006

**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) Vests over 4 years at 25% a year on the anniversary of the date of grant.

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