Burke Desiree A. Form 4 March 23, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Burke Desiree A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

below)

Symbol

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

(Check all applicable)

[PENN]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Month/Day/Year)

03/21/2012

V. P. and Chief Accounting Off

825 BERKSHIRE BLVD, SUITE

(Street)

(State)

(First)

200

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

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			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	(D)	Price	(IIIsti v uiid 1)		
Common Stock	03/21/2012		M	12,500	A	\$ 21.38	24,392	D	
Common Stock (1)	03/21/2012		S	12,500	D	\$ 44.49	11,892	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)	orDeriva Securi Acqui	ities red (A) sposed of 3, 4,	6. Date Exercise Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Lunderlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 21.38	03/21/2012		M		12,500	01/02/2011	01/02/2016	Common Stock	12,500

Reporting Owners

Poparting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

10% Owner Officer Director Other

Burke Desiree A.

825 BERKSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 200

V. P. and Chief Accounting Off

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

Signatures

/s/Robert S. Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for Desiree A.

Burke

03/23/2012

**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).
- All transactions on this form 4 were made pursuant to a stock trading plan, executed by Ms Burke on November 23, 2011, established pursuant to rule 10b5-1.

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