

Burke Desiree A.
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 *
Burke Desiree A.

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)
02/06/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
V. P. and Chief Accounting Off

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 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		
				Code	V	Amount	

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Securi (Instr.	
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Unit	(1)	02/06/2012	A	2,822	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,822 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Burke Desiree A. 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 200 WYOMISSING, PA 19610			V. P. and Chief Accounting Off	

Signatures

/s/Robert S. Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for Desiree A. 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: 706 units on February 06, 2013; 705 units on February 06, 2014; 706 units on February 06, 2015 and 705 units on February 06, 2016.

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