

Burke Thomas
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Burke Thomas		(Month/Day/Year)	PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC [PENN]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200		01/01/2009	(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
WYOMISSING,Â PAÂ 19610			(give title below)	(specify below)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	SR VP-Regional Operations	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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(Instr. 5)

Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	11/01/2003	11/01/2009	Common Stock	24,232	\$ 10.195	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/01/2006	11/01/2012	Common Stock	768	\$ 10.195	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	10/31/2004	10/31/2010	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 11.875	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	10/31/2004	10/31/2013	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 11.875	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	10/17/2005	10/17/2014	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 21.075	D	Â
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	08/04/2007 ⁽¹⁾	08/04/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 33.71	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	08/04/2007 ⁽¹⁾	08/04/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 33.71	D	Â
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	01/02/2008 ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2017	Common Stock	2,004	\$ 41.62	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	01/02/2008 ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2017	Common Stock	2,996	\$ 41.62	D	Â
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	07/08/2009 ⁽¹⁾	07/08/2018	Common Stock	4,108	\$ 29.87	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	07/08/2009 ⁽¹⁾	07/08/2018	Common Stock	5,892	\$ 29.87	D	Â
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	10/06/2012	10/06/2015	Common Stock	1,264	\$ 20.03	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	10/06/2009 ⁽¹⁾	10/06/2015	Common Stock	13,736	\$ 20.03	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Burke Thomas 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 WYOMISSING, PA 19610	Â	Â	Â SR VP-Regional Operations	Â

Signatures

/s/ Robert S. Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for Thomas Burke 01/06/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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