

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC
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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 *
FARAHI JOHN

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC, 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET
 (Street)
RENO, NV 89502
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [MCRI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEO

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/12/2011		G ⁽¹⁾		820,097	D	\$ 0 1,822,677
Common Stock	12/12/2011		G ⁽¹⁾		203,045	A	\$ 0 249,491
Common Stock	12/12/2011		G ⁽¹⁾		205,684	A	\$ 0 252,130
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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 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
Option/right to buy	\$ 11.685					(2)	10/21/2014	Common Stock	200,000
Option/right to buy	\$ 18.06					10/21/2008	10/21/2015	Common Stock	70,000
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.82					10/21/2009	10/21/2016	Common Stock	66,666
Option/right to buy	\$ 29					10/21/2010	10/21/2017	Common Stock	66,668
Option/right to buy	\$ 6.8					10/21/2011	10/21/2018	Common Stock	66,668
Option/right to buy	\$ 10.43					10/21/2012	10/21/2019	Common Stock	66,666
Option/right to buy	\$ 11.48					10/21/2013	10/21/2020	Common Stock	66,666

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARAHI JOHN MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET RENO, NV 89502	X	X	CEO	

Signatures

John Farahi

12/20/2011

**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) This transaction involved a gift of securities by Mr. Farahi to four separate trusts, of which Mr. Farahi is a trustee, for the benefit of his children.

- On October 21, 2004, Mr. Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended, to purchase 200,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$11.685 per share. The shares' vesting schedule is as follows:
- (2) 66,666 vested on October 21, 2005; 66,666 vested on October 21, 2006 and 66,668 vested on October 21, 2007.

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