

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 *
DESANCTIS KEVIN G

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)
03/23/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & Chief Operating Of

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price (A) or (D) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/23/2006 | | M | | 12,644 A \$ 2.655 | 97,644 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/23/2006 | | M | | 13,476 A \$ 7.42 | 111,120 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/23/2006 | | M | | 12 A \$ 7.95 | 111,132 | 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)

| 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 |
| Incentive Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 2.655 | 03/23/2006 | | M | 12,644 | 03/22/2005 03/22/2008 | Common Stock 12,644 |
| Incentive Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 7.42 | 03/23/2006 | | M | 13,476 | 01/02/2006 01/02/2009 | Common Stock 13,476 |
| Incentive Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 7.95 | 03/23/2006 | | M | 12 | 02/06/2005 02/06/2010 | Common Stock 12 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DESANCTIS KEVIN G 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 WYOMISSING, PA 19610 | | | President & Chief Operating Of | |

Signatures

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for Kevin G DeSanctis 03/27/2006

**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).

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