

Farahi David-Jacques  
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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 <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Farahi David-Jacques		(Month/Day/Year)	MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [MCRI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/26/2012	
3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
RENO, NV 89502			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Chief Operating Officer	

**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)
Common Stock	4,000	D	Â

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	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Option/right to buy	Â (1)	02/10/2020	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 6.72	D	Â
Option/right to buy	Â (2)	06/21/2020	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 11.15	D	Â
Option/right to buy	Â (3)	07/12/2020	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 10.2	D	Â
Option/right to buy	08/13/2014	08/13/2011	Common Stock	1,667	\$ 9.3	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Farahi David-Jacques 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET RENO, NV 89502	Â	Â	Â Chief Operating Officer	Â

## Signatures

David-Jacques  
Farahi 05/09/2012

\*\*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) On February 10, 2010, Mr. Farahi was granted 5,000 stock options which vest as follows: 1,666 vest on February 10, 2013; 1,667 vest on February 10, 2014 and 1,667 vest on February 10, 2015.
- (2) On June 21, 2010, Mr. Farahi was granted 5,000 stock options which vest as follows: 1,666 vest on August 13, 2011; 1,667 vest on August 13, 2012 and 1,667 vest on August 13, 2013.
- (3) On July 12, 2010, Mr. Farahi was granted 20,000 stock optins which vest as follows: 6,666 vest on July 12, 2013; 6,667 vest on July 12, 2014 and 6,667 vest on July 12, 2015.

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