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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC [PENN] Finamore John (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE (Check all applicable) 200 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting SR VP-Regional Operations Person WYOMISSING, PAÂ 19610 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 32,162 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Derivative Security	Security:	

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/11/2003	11/11/2009	Common Stock	77,892	\$ 9.045	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	11/10/2004	11/10/2010	Common Stock	8,580	\$ 11.655	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock O ptions (right to buy)	11/10/2004	11/10/2010	Common Stock	31,420	\$ 11.655	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/11/2005	11/11/2014	Common Stock	36,056	\$ 25.35	D	Â
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	11/11/2008	11/11/2014	Common Stock	3,944	\$ 25.35	D	Â
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	01/12/2009(1)	01/12/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 33.12	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	01/12/2007(1)	01/12/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 33.12	D	Â
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	01/02/2011(1)	01/02/2017	Common Stock	3,228	\$ 41.62	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	01/02/2008(1)	01/02/2017	Common Stock	11,772	\$ 41.62	D	Â
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	07/08/2012	07/08/2018	Common Stock	3,347	\$ 29.87	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	07/08/2009(1)	07/08/2018	Common Stock	36,653	\$ 29.87	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
reporting owner runner runness	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Finamore John 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 WYOMISSING Â PAÂ 19610	Â	Â	SR VP-Regional Operations	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Robert S. Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for John
Finamore

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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Reporting Owners 2

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