HANDLER DAVID A

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HANDLER DAVID A Issuer Symbol PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC (Check all applicable) [PENN] X_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 03/20/2006 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting WYOMISSING, PA 19610 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of	6. Ownership 7. Nature of								
Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities	Form: Direct Indirect								
(Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially	(D) or Beneficial								
(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned	Indirect (I) Ownership								
Following	(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)								
Reported									
(A) Transaction(s)									
or (Instr. 3 and 4)									
Code V Amount (D) Price (Misur 3 and 1)									
Common 03/20/2006 M 30,000 A 5 43 60,000	D								
Stock $\frac{(1)}{(1)}$ 03/20/2006 M 30,000 A $\frac{4}{7.42}$ 60,000	D								
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Common 03/20/2006 S 30,000 D \$40 30,000	D								
Stock (1) 03/20/2006 S 30,000 D \$ 40 30,000	D								

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 7.42	03/20/2006		M	30,000	01/02/2005	01/02/2009	Common Stock	30

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other

Director

HANDLER DAVID A 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 X WYOMISSING, PA 19610

Signatures

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for David A Handler

03/22/2006

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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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