PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

Form 4

February 26, 2016

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WILMOTT TIMOTHY J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

(Check all applicable)

President & CEO

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[PENN]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2016

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

825 BERKSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 200

(First)

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------|--|--|---|--|
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock (1) | 02/24/2016 | | M | 15,592 | A | <u>(1)</u> | 449,048 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2016 | | D | 15,592 | D | \$ 13.4 | 433,456 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Derivative Expiration Date (Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock Unit | <u>(1)</u> | 02/24/2016 | | M | 15,592 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 15,592 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| WILMOTT TIMOTHY J 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 WYOMISSING, PA 19610 | X | | President & CEO | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Christopher Rogers as attorney-in-fact for Timothy J
Wilmott

**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).

The recipient receives a cash payment for each unit equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of one share of the Company's common stock. Of the original award of phantom stock units, 15,592 units vested on February 24, 2016. The remaining phantom stock units will vest as follows: 15,592 on February 24, 2017 and 15,592 on February 24, 2018.

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