PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

Common

Stock

03/13/2016

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HANDLER DAVID A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 825 BERKS	(First) (M	Middle) 3	[PENN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 0 03/13/2016			_X_ Director Officer (give below)	10%	Owner er (specify			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Date, if ay/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit n(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (1)	03/13/2016			M	4,361	A	(1)	154,361	D		

4,361 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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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)		8. Pric Deriv Secur (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	03/13/2016	M	4,361	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	4,361	C

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HANDLER DAVID A 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 WYOMISSING, PA 19610	X					

Signatures

/s/ Christopher Rogers as attorney-in-fact for David A
Handler

03/15/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- ** 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 phantom stock unit equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of one share of the (1) Company's common stock. Of the original award of phantom stock units, 4,361 units vested on March 13, 2016. The remaining phantom stock units will vest as follows: 4,362 units on March 13, 2017 and 4,361 on March 13, 2018.

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