AMERISTAR CASINOS INC Form 8-K January 19, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): January 12, 2012

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction

000-22494 (Commission 88-0304799 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490S

Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (702) 567-7000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On January 12, 2012, Heather A. Rollo, Senior Vice President of Accounting and the principal accounting officer of Ameristar Casinos, Inc. (the Company), notified the Company that she is resigning her employment with the Company for personal reasons, effective March 2, 2012.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

By: /s/ Peter C. Walsh Name: Peter C. Walsh

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: January 18, 2012