

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ruisanchez Carlos</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 3980 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY (Street) LAS VEGAS NV 89169 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. [PNK]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President and CFO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/28/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/28/2018		G	V	42,478 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$0.00	286,231	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2018		G	V	42,478 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	633,100	I	By Ruisanchez Family Trust
Common Stock	08/29/2018		M		41,020	A	\$6.97	327,251	D	
Common Stock	08/29/2018		F		21,169	D	\$34.5	306,082	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$6.97	08/29/2018		M			41,020	(2)	05/20/2021	Common Stock	41,020	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- This transaction involved a gift of shares by the reporting person to the Ruisanchez Family Trust, a living trust, on August 28, 2018. These shares were previously reported as directly beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- The stock options vested in four annual installments on May 20, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Remarks:

/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney- 08/29/2018
In-Fact for Carlos Ruisanchez

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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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