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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>Negrotto Donna S</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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Sec. and General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/20/2017</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	12/20/2017		M		24,000	A	\$10.19	125,331	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		F		14,518	D	\$31.91	110,813	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		M		1,250	A	\$11.51	112,063	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		F		787	D	\$31.91	111,276	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		M		3,716	A	\$10.55	114,992	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		F		2,273	D	\$31.91	112,719	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		M		3,367	A	\$6.97	116,086	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		F		1,840	D	\$31.91	114,246	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		M		16,000	A	\$6.5	130,246	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		F		8,605	D	\$31.91	121,641	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		M		3,478	A	\$6.19	125,119	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		F		1,851	D	\$31.91	123,268	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		M		6,000	A	\$2.86	129,268	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		F		2,830	D	\$31.91	126,438	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		M		6,000	A	\$4.22	132,438	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		F		2,979	D	\$31.91	129,459	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		M		10,000	A	\$3.92	139,459	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		F		4,909	D	\$31.91	134,550	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		M		7,000	A	\$4.35	141,550	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2017		F		3,492	D	\$31.91	138,058	D	
Common Stock								1,165	I	By 401(k) Plan

**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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$10.19	12/20/2017		M			24,000	(1)	05/23/2023	Common Stock	24,000	\$0.00	8,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$11.51	12/20/2017		M			1,250	(2)	04/28/2023	Common Stock	1,250	\$0.00	3,750	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$10.55	12/20/2017		M			3,716	(3)	10/05/2022	Common Stock	3,716	\$0.00	3,715	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$6.97	12/20/2017		M			3,367	(4)	05/20/2021	Common Stock	3,367	\$0.00	1,123	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$6.5	12/20/2017		M			16,000	(5)	08/13/2020	Common Stock	16,000	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$6.19	12/20/2017		M			3,478	(6)	05/21/2020	Common Stock	3,478	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$2.86	12/20/2017		M			6,000	(7)	05/22/2019	Common Stock	6,000	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$4.22	12/20/2017		M			6,000	(8)	05/24/2018	Common Stock	6,000	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$3.92	12/20/2017		M			10,000	(9)	06/06/2018	Common Stock	10,000	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$4.35	12/20/2017		M			7,000	(10)	05/20/2018	Common Stock	7,000	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The stock options were originally scheduled to vest and become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on May 23, 2017. The stock options vested and became exercisable as to 8,000 shares of common stock on May 23, 2017. The Compensation Committee of the issuer accelerated vesting of 16,000 stock options to December 17, 2017, which were originally scheduled to vest and become exercisable as to 8,000 stock options on May 23, 2018 and on May 23, 2019, respectively. The stock options vest and become exercisable as to the remaining 8,000 shares of common stock on May 23, 2020.
- The stock options vest and become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 28, 2017. The stock options vested and became exercisable as to 1,250 shares on April 28, 2017. The stock options vest and become exercisable as to 1,250 shares of common stock on April 28, 2018, April 28, 2019 and April 28, 2020, respectively.
- The stock options vest and become exercisable in four annual installments beginning on October 5, 2016. The stock options vested and became exercisable as to 1,858 shares of common stock on October 5, 2016 and October 5, 2017, respectively. The stock options vest and become exercisable as to 1,858 shares of common stock on October 5, 2018 and as to the remaining 1,857 shares of common stock on October 5, 2019.
- The stock options vest and become exercisable in four annual installments beginning on May 20, 2015. The stock options vested and became exercisable as to 1,222 shares of common stock on May 20, 2015 and May 20, 2016, respectively, and vested and became exercisable as to 1,123 shares of common stock on May 20, 2017. The stock options vest and become exercisable as to the remaining 1,123 shares of common stock on May 20, 2018.
- The stock options vested and became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on August 13, 2014.
- The stock options vested and became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on May 21, 2014.
- The stock options vested and became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on May 22, 2013.
- The stock options vested and became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on May 24, 2012.
- The stock options vested and became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on June 6, 2009.
- The stock options vested and became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on May 20, 2009.

Remarks:

/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-
In-Fact for Donna S. Negrotto 12/22/2017

** 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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