

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* MARTINEAU JAMES L (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 Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. [PNK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2018	
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	10/15/2018		D ⁽¹⁾		164,335	D	(2)	0	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2018		D ⁽¹⁾		4,166	D	(2)	0	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	10/15/2018		D ⁽¹⁾		2,025	D	(2)	0	I	By Individual Retirement Account for Spouse

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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$2.86	10/15/2018		D ⁽¹⁾		10,000	(3)	05/22/2019	Common Stock	10,000	(4)	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$3.98	10/15/2018		D ⁽¹⁾		9,000	(3)	05/11/2020	Common Stock	9,000	(4)	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$4.06	10/15/2018		D ⁽¹⁾		15,000	(3)	05/05/2019	Common Stock	15,000	(4)	0	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(5)	10/15/2018		D ⁽¹⁾		13,528	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	13,528	(2)	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 17, 2017 (the "Merger Agreement," and the merger contemplated thereby, the "Merger"), by and among Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. (the "Issuer"), Penn National Gaming, Inc. ("Penn") and Franchise Merger Sub, Inc.
- Disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement, whereby at the effective time of the Merger (the "Effective Time") each share of Issuer common stock and each phantom stock unit was cancelled and automatically converted into the right to receive \$20 in cash, and 0.42 shares of Penn common stock (together, the "Merger Consideration"), with the fractional shares being paid in cash as provided in the Merger Agreement.

3. Each of the options was fully vested and exercisable on the date of grant.

4. Disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement, whereby at the Effective Time each outstanding and vested Issuer stock option other than any vested Issuer stock option that had an exercise price equal to or greater than the Merger Consideration (each such stock option, an "Underwater Option"), was cancelled and automatically converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration, less the exercise price applicable to such stock option (which exercise price was first deducted ratably from the stock and cash portion of the Merger Consideration to reduce the number of shares delivered to the Reporting Person).

5. Phantom stock units vest upon the reporting person ceasing to be a director for any reason. Each phantom stock unit represents a contingent right to acquire one share of Issuer common stock.

Remarks:

/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-
in-Fact of James L. Martineau 10/16/2018

** 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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