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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CAPP STEPHEN H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC [PNK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec. Vice Pres. & CFO

C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 3800 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2010		A	37,500 A \$ 0	42,500	D	
Common Stock					7,051.7843 <u>(1)</u>	I	By 401(k) Plan

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.67	03/01/2010		A	75,000	(2) 03/01/2020	Common Stock	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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3800 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY
LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

Exec. Vice Pres. & CFO

Signatures

/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-In-Fact for Stephen H. Capp

03/02/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

Between June 1, 2003 and February 28, 2010, the reporting person acquired 7051.7843 shares of common stock of Pinnacle

(1) Entertainment, Inc. under the Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. 401(k) Investment Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of February 28, 2010.

(2) The stock options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2011.

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