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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION									APPROVAL			
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(Print or Type Re	sponses)											
			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC [PNK]				Í I	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
				of Earliest Tr Day/Year) 2009	ransaction		-	_X_ Director Officer (gi pelow)		0% Owner ther (specify		
Filed(N				Amendment, Date Original (Month/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 				
LAS VEGAS	, NV 89169						Ī	Person		Toporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securitie	ies Acqui	ired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned		
	urity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			Sec Ber Ow Fol Rep Tra (Ins	Amount of purities neficially rned lowing ported insaction(s) str. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4)				
Reminder: Repor	t on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities benef	ficially ow			directly.				

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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Share
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.72	05/05/2009		A	15,000	05/05/2009(1)	05/05/2019	Common Stock	15,00
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	05/05/2009		А	728	<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	728

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LESLIE BRUCE A C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 3800 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY LAS VEGAS, NV 89169	Х					
Signatures						
/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-In-Fact for Bruc Leslie	e A.	05/0	6/2009			
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person		D	ate			
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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).
- (1) All of the stock options vested immediately on the date of grant.
- (2) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (3) Units of phantom stock are payable in common stock following the reporting person's cessation of service as a director for any reason.

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