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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

GIOVENCO JOHN

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

INC [PNK]

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

11/10/2008

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O PINNACLE

(Last)

ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 3800 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

11/10/2008

P 5,000

Code V Amount (D)

95,000

Price

D

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)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GIOVENCO JOHN C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 3800 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY LAS VEGAS, NV 89169



Signatures

/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-In-Fact for John V. Giovenco

11/12/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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