PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC Form 8-K February 05, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 5, 2010

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-13641 95-3667491

(State or other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Incorporation)

3800 Howard Hughes Parkway Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (702) 784-7777

N/A

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 5, 2010, Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. issued a press release announcing the Results of Operations and Financial Condition for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2009. A copy of this press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, that is being furnished under this Item 2.02 shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated February 5, 2010, issued by Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: February 5, 2010 By: /s/ Stephen H. Capp

Stephen H. Capp

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

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