

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC.
Form 8-K
September 24, 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): September 23, 2010

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-13641 (Commission File Number)	95-3667491 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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8918 Spanish Ridge Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	89148 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(702) 541-7777**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e)

On September 23, 2010, Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into amendments to the employment agreements effective as of September 21, 2010 with John A. Godfrey, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, and Carlos A. Ruisanchez, Executive Vice President, Strategic Planning and Development (collectively, the “Amendments to the Employment Agreements”). Pursuant to the Amendments to the Employment Agreements, the annual base salaries of Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Ruisanchez were increased from \$425,000 to \$475,000 effective as of September 21, 2010.

The foregoing description of the Amendments to the Employment Agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendments to the Employment Agreements, which are attached as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

Exhibit No.	Description
Exhibit 10.1	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated September 23, 2010, between Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. and John A. Godfrey
Exhibit 10.2	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated September 23, 2010, between Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. and Carlos Ruisanchez

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: September 24, 2010

By: /s/ John A. Godfrey

John A. Godfrey

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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