

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC.  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2011

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): October 17, 2011

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

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<b>001-13641</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>95-3667491</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<b>8918 Spanish Ridge Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada</b> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	<b>89148</b> (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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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.**

(b)

On October 17, 2011, Lynn P. Reitnouer notified Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. (the "Company"), that he does not intend to run for re-election as a member of the Board of Directors at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company, and will retire as a director effective upon the conclusion of the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Company's Board of Directors has not yet designated the date of the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**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: October 21, 2011

By: /s/ John A. Godfrey

John A. Godfrey  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary