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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Washington, D.C. 20549

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **FARAHI JOHN**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [MCRI]

(Check all applicable)

06/07/2012

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

_X__ Director

_X__ 10% Owner _ Other (specify

below)

CEO

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC, 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE 200

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

RENO, NV 89509

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

Person

(City)	(State) (Z	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common stock	06/07/2012		G <u>(1)</u>	12,773	D	\$0	1,787,392	D	
Common stock	06/07/2012		G <u>(1)</u>	1,646	A	\$ 0	256,765	I	by trust
common stock	06/07/2012		G <u>(1)</u>	3,709	A	\$0	261,467	I	by trust
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Common stock

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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and 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	Amount or Number of Shares
Option/right to buy	\$ 11.685					<u>(2)</u>	10/21/2014	Common Stock	200,000
Option/right to buy	\$ 18.06					10/21/2008	10/21/2015	Common Stock	70,000
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.82					10/21/2009	10/21/2016	Common Stock	66,666
Option/right to buy	\$ 29					10/21/2010	10/21/2017	Common Stock	66,668
Option/right to buy	\$ 6.8					10/21/2011	10/21/2018	Common Stock	66,668
Option/right to buy	\$ 10.43					10/21/2012	10/21/2019	Common Stock	66,666
Option/right to buy	\$ 11.48					10/21/2013	10/21/2020	Common Stock	66,666

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARAHI JOHN	X	X	CEO	
MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC				

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Signatures

John Farahi 12/21/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) This transaction involved a gift of securitites by Mr. Farahi to four separate trusts, of which Mr. Farahi is a trustee, for the benefit of his children.
- On October 21,2004, Mr. Farahi was granted an option purusant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long Term Incentive Plan, as (2) amended, to purchase 200,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$11.685 per share. The shares' vesting schedule is as follows: 66,666 vested on October 21, 2005; 66,666 vested on October 21, 2006 and 66,668 vested on October 21, 2007.

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