FARAHI BOB Form 4 August 10, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue.

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT

INC [MCRI]

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 08/09/2017

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC, 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

RENO, NV 89502

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Securi | ities Acqu | iired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | sposed 4 and : (A) or | quired l of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 08/09/2017 | | Code V S | Amount 34,000 | (D) | Price \$ 34.43 | 482,516 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/09/2017 | | M | 33,334 (1) | A | \$ 29 | 482,516 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/09/2017 | | F | 29,231 (1) | D | \$ 34.91 | 482,516 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 482,516 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 435,000 | I | by trust |

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| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities benef | icially owned directly or indirectly. | | | | |
| Common Stock | 100,000 | I | by trust | | |
| Common Stock | 434,626 | I | by trust | | |

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 |
| Options / Right to Buy | \$ 29 | 08/09/2017 | | M | | 33,334 | 10/21/2010 | 10/21/2017 | Common Stock | 33,334 |
| Options / Right to Buy | \$ 23.08 | | | | | | 11/01/2019 | 11/01/2026 | Common Stock | 33,333 |
| Options / Right to Buy | \$ 17.62 | | | | | | 10/21/2018 | 10/21/2025 | Common Stock | 33,334 |
| Options / Right to Buy | \$ 12.32 | | | | | | 10/21/2017 | 10/21/2024 | Common Stock | 33,334 |
| Options / Right to Buy | \$ 21.71 | | | | | | 10/21/2016 | 10/21/2023 | Common Stock | 33,334 |
| Options / Right to Buy | \$ 8.56 | | | | | | 10/09/2015 | 10/09/2022 | Common Stock | 33,334 |
| Options / Right to Buy | \$ 9.33 | | | | | | 10/21/2014 | 10/21/2021 | Common Stock | 33,334 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FARAHI BOB

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC
3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET

RENO, NV 89502

Relationships

Other

President

Signatures

Bob Farahi 08/10/2017

**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).
- On August 9, 2017, Mr. Farahi completed "net" stock option exercise whereby he exercised 33,334 stock options with an expiration date (1) 10/21/2017. The exercise price of the stock option and the required tax withholding were paid in the form of stock totaling 29,231 shares. As a result of this "net" stock exercise Mr. Farahi beneficial ownership increased by the balance of 4,103.

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