

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 FARAHI JOHN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [mcri]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/21/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC, 3800 S. VIRGINIA ST.

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RENO, NV 89502

(City) (State) (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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 2,828,558 | D | |

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)

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| 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. Number 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 Number of Shares |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 29 ⁽²⁾ | 10/21/2007 | | A | 66,668 | 10/21/2010 | 10/21/2017 | Common stock | 66,668 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 11.685 | | | | | ⁽¹⁾ | 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 | 66,668 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FARAHI JOHN MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC 3800 S. VIRGINIA ST. RENO, NV 89502 | X | X | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

John Farahi 10/22/2007

**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) On October 21, 2004, Mr. Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan, as 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; 66,668 vested on October 21, 2007.
- (2) On October 21, 2007, Mr. Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended, to purchase 66,668 shares of the Company's common stock at \$29.00 per share. Because October 21, 2007 fell on a Sunday, a closed day for the Nasdaq, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors directed that the last reported price on October 19, 2007 serve as the exercise price.

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