Rollo Heather A Form 4 February 06, 2012

FORM 4

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

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

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1(b).

(Middle)

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rollo Heather A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

[ASCA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2012

3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY, SUITE 490S

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

SVP of Accounting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities A Transaction Disposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 and (Instr. 8)		(D)	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	02/03/2012		S	200	D	\$ 20.5825	40,902 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		S	500	D	\$ 20.58	40,402 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		S	108	D	\$ 20.57	40,294 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		S	200	D	\$ 20.5725	40,094 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		S	100	D	\$ 20.5451	39,994 <u>(1)</u>	D	

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Common Stock	02/03/2012	S	100	D	\$ 20.5448	39,894 (1)	D
Common Stock	02/03/2012	S	896	D	\$ 20.541	38,998 (1)	D
Common Stock	02/03/2012	S	2,100	D	\$ 20.54	36,898 (1)	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)

	1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
	Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						of (D)						(Instr
						(Instr. 3,						
						4, and 5)						
										Amount		
							Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date		Number			
										of		
					Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Rollo Heather A							
3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY			SVP of				
SUITE 490S			Accounting				
LAS VEGAS, NV 89169							

Signatures

/s/	H	leat	her	A.	
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02/06/2012 Rollo **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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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) Balance includes previously reported restricted stock units, each of which constitutes the right to receive one share of common stock in the future.

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