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

November 4, 2010

William J. Clifford  
Chief Financial Officer  
Penn National Gaming, Inc.  
825 Berkshire Blvd., Suite 200  
Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610

**Re: Penn National Gaming, Inc.**  
**Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009**  
**Filed on February 26, 2010**  
**File No. 000-24206**

Dear Mr. Clifford:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Lyn Shenk  
Branch Chief