

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC  
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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 \*  
 HODGES LARRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERISTAR CASINOS INC  
 [ASCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3773 HOWARD HUGHES  
 PKWY, SUITE 490S  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/28/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President, COO

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.405	10/28/2011							
			D <sup>(1)</sup>		13,200	(1)(2)	06/17/2012	Common Stock	13,200
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.935	10/28/2011							
			D <sup>(1)</sup>		13,200	(1)(4)	06/09/2013	Common Stock	13,200
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.365	10/28/2011							
			D <sup>(1)</sup>		13,200	(1)(5)	06/08/2014	Common Stock	13,200
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.405	10/28/2011							
			A <sup>(1)</sup>	13,200		(1)(2)	06/17/2015	Common Stock	13,200
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.935	10/28/2011							
			A <sup>(1)</sup>	13,200		(1)(4)	06/09/2016	Common Stock	13,200
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.365	10/28/2011							
			A <sup>(1)</sup>	13,200		(1)(5)	06/08/2017	Common Stock	13,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HODGES LARRY 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S LAS VEGAS, NV 89169	X		President, COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Walsh,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/01/2011

\_\_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).

The reported transactions involve the amendment of three outstanding options, each amendment resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option to the extent of 88% of the number of shares for which it was exercisable and the grant of a replacement option exercisable for the same number of shares.

(1) The option being amended was originally granted on June 17, 2005 and vested on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(2) Securities owned by The Larry Hodges Family Trust, of which Mr. Hodges is the sole trustee.

(3) The option being amended was originally granted on June 9, 2006 and vested on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(4) The option being amended was originally granted on June 8, 2007 and vested on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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