FARAHI JOHN Form 4 March 30, 2018

FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **FARAHI JOHN** Issuer Symbol MONARCH CASINO & RESORT (Check all applicable) **INC [MCRI]** (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director X 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) MONARCH CASINO & RESORT 11/30/2017 **CEO** INC, 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE 200 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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RENO, NV 89509

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common S 100 D 11/30/2017 1,763,340 D Stock Common 12/01/2017 S 9,941 D 1,763,340 D Stock Common S 14,519 12/04/2017 D D 1,763,340 Stock Common S D 12/06/2017 440 1,763,340 D Stock 12/26/2017 $G^{(1)}$ 3,643 D \$0 D 1,763,340

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Common Stock								
Common Stock	12/26/2017	G <u>(1)</u>	607	A	\$ 0	272,654	I	by trust
Common Stock	12/26/2017	G <u>(1)</u>	607	A	\$ 0	277,356	I	by trust
Common Stock	12/26/2017	G <u>(1)</u>	607	A	\$ 0	277,356	I	by trust
Common Stock	12/26/2017	G <u>(1)</u>	607	A	\$ 0	277,356	I	by trust
Common Stock	12/26/2017	G <u>(1)</u>	1,215	A	\$0	1,215	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			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	\$ 45.32					11/01/2020	11/01/2027	Common Stock	66,668
Options/Right to Buy	\$ 23.08					11/01/2019	11/01/2026	Common Stock	66,666
Options/Right to Buy	\$ 17.62					10/21/2018	10/21/2025	Common Stock	66,666
Options/Right to Buy	\$ 12.32					10/21/2017	10/21/2024	Common Stock	66,668
Options/Right to Buy	\$ 21.71					10/21/2016	10/21/2023	Common Stock	66,666

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Options/Right to Buy	\$ 8.56	10/09/2015	10/09/2022	Common Stock	66,666
Options/Right to Buy	\$ 9.33	10/21/2014	10/21/2021	Common Stock	66,668

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FARAHI JOHN MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE 200 RENO, NV 89509		X	X	CEO				
Signatures								
John Farahi	03/30/2018							
**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) This transaction involves a gift of securities by Mr. Farahi to five separate trusts, of which Mr. Farahi is trustee, for benefit of children and grandchildren.

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