

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC  
Form S-8  
January 25, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**88-0300760**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**3800 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**89502**  
(Zip Code)

**Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. 1993 Employee Stock Option Plan**

(Full title of the plan)

**Ronald Rowan**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc.**

**3800 S. Virginia St.**

**Reno, NV 89502**

(Name and address telephone number of agent for service)

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(775) 335-4600

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller-reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

|   |                      |    | <b>Proposed</b>           |    | <b>Proposed</b>          |    |                     |
|---|----------------------|----|---------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|---------------------|
|   |                      |    | <b>maximum</b>            |    | <b>maximum</b>           |    | <b>Amount of</b>    |
|   | <b>Amount to be</b>  |    | <b>offering</b>           |    | <b>aggregate</b>         |    | <b>registration</b> |
| <b>Title of securities to be registered</b> | <b>registered(1)</b> |    | <b>price per share(2)</b> |    | <b>offering price(2)</b> |    | <b>fee(3)</b>       |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value              | 400,000 shares       | \$ | 10.89                     | \$ | 4,356,000.00             | \$ | 499.20              |

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Registrant's Common Stock that become issuable under the plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the number of outstanding shares of Registrant's Common Stock.

(2) Computed solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act. The offering price per share and aggregate offering price are based upon the average of the high and low prices of the registrant's common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Stock Market on January 19, 2012.

(3) Calculated pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed for the purpose of registering an additional 400,000 shares of the Registrant's common stock to be issued pursuant to the Registrant's 1993 Employee Stock Option Plan. The contents of the earlier registration statements on Form S-8 relating to the 1993 Employee Stock Option Plan previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on April 2, 2002 (File No. 333-85420) and July 2, 2007 (File No. 333-144252) are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following material previously filed by the Registrant with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") are incorporated herein by reference:

1. The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the annual period ended December 31, 2010.
2. The Registrant's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2011; June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011.
3. The Registrant's Reports filed on Form 8-K on February 25, 2011; April 21, 2011; May 10, 2011; July 21, 2011; September 30, 2011; October 4, 2011; October 5, 2011 and October 19, 2011.
4. The description of the Common Stock of the Registrant contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on July 15, 1993 and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all of the shares of the Registrant's common stock offered have been sold or which deregisters all of such shares then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained herein or in a document all or part of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superceded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supercedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superceded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superceded,

to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

**Item 8. Exhibits**

| Exhibit Number | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| 4.1            | Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. 1993 Employee Stock Option Plan, as amended. (Filed as Appendix A to the Registrant's Proxy Statement filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act on March 25, 2011 and incorporated herein by this reference.) |

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|-----------------------|---|
| 5.1                   | Opinion of Greenberg Traurig, LLP regarding the legality of the securities being registered is filed herewith and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 23.1                  | Consent of Ernst & Young, LLP is filed herewith and is incorporated herein by reference.  |
| 23.2                  | Consent of Greenberg Traurig, LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).  |
| 24.1                  | Power of Attorney (contained on the signature page hereto).   |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Reno, State of Nevada, on January 25, 2012.

**Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc.**

By: /s/ Ronald Rowan  
Ronald Rowan  
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know All Persons By These Presents, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Ronald Rowan, as a true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign the registration statement filed herewith and any or all amendments to said registration statement (including post-effective amendments and registration statements filed pursuant to Rule 462 and otherwise), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent the full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the foregoing, as to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement was signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates stated:

| <b>SIGNATURE</b>                           | <b>TITLE</b>  | <b>DATE</b>      |
|--|---|------------------|
| /s/ John Farahi<br>John Farahi             | Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director | January 25, 2012 |
| /s/ Bob Farahi<br>Bob Farahi               | Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors, President, and Director  | January 25, 2012 |
| /s/ Ronald Rowan<br>Ronald Rowan           | Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)      | January 25, 2012 |
| /s/ Craig F. Sullivan<br>Craig F. Sullivan | Director  | January 25, 2012 |
| /s/ Ronald R. Zideck<br>Ronald R. Zideck   | Director  | January 25, 2012 |
| /s/ Yvette E. Landau<br>Yvette E. Landau   | Director  | January 25, 2012 |



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