

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Cooley Richard L.		(Month/Day/Year)	MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [MCRI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/21/2016	
3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
RENO, NV 89502			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Vice President of Finance	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	32,200	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Amount or Number of		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/21/2013	10/21/2020	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 11.48	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/21/2014	10/21/2021	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 9.33	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/21/2015	10/21/2022	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 8.56	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/21/2016	10/21/2023	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 21.71	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/21/2017	10/21/2024	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 12.32	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/21/2018	10/21/2025	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 17.62	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cooley Richard L. 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET RENO, NV 89502	Â	Â	Â Vice President of Finance	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Richard L.  
Cooley

04/04/2016

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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### Remarks:

Exhibit List

Exhibit 24 - Confirming Statement

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