

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC  
Form 8-K  
April 20, 2012

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report: April 18, 2012**  
**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**Monarch Casino and Resort, Inc.**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**NV**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation) 0-22088**

**(Commission File Number) 88-0300760**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification Number)**

**3800 S. Virginia Street**  
**(Address of principal executive offices) 89502**  
**(Zip Code)**

**775-335-4600**  
**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**  
**(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On April 19, 2012, Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company secured transactional approval from the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(a) Financial statements:**

None

**(b) Pro forma financial information:**

None

**(c) Shell company transactions:**

None

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release of Monarch Casino and Resort, Inc. dated April 18, 2012

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 18, 2012

**MONARCH CASINO AND RESORT, INC.**

By: /s/ Ronald M. Rowan

Ronald M. Rowan

*Chief Financial Officer*

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**Exhibit Index** Exhibit No. Description 99.1 Press Release of Monarch Casino and Resort, Inc. dated April 18, 2012