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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 * PARSOW ALAN S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PENN TREATY AMERICAN CORP [pta]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 2222 SKYLIN	(First) NE DRIVE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2012	_X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ELKHORN, N	NE 68022			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(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)			4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(
Common Stock	05/09/2012		S		150,000	D	\$ 0.4	1,176,200 (1)	I	See Ftnote 2 (2)	
Common Stock	05/09/2012		S		13,332	D	\$ 0.41	1,162,868 (1)	I	See Ftnote 2 (2)	
Common Stock	05/09/2012		S		13,334	D	\$ 0.42	1,149,534 (1)	I	See Ftnote 2 (2)	
Common Stock	05/10/2012		S	V	100,000	D	\$ 0.42	1,049,534 (1)	I	See Ftnote 2 (2)	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amoun	it of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date	Title Number			
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PARSOW ALAN S 2222 SKYLINE DRIVE X ELKHORN, NE 68022

Signatures

/s/ Alan S. Parsow 05/11/2012

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Of the shares listed that are beneficially owned, the Alan S. Parsow IRA owns 23,500 and Elkhorn Partners LP owns the remaining shares.

Shares held by Elkhorn Partners LP ("Elkhorn"). The general partner of Elkhorn is Parsow Management LLC ("Parsow Management") and the sole manager of Parsow Management is Alan S. Parsow. As a result of these relationships, Parsow Management and Mr. Parsow may be deemed to have or share voting and/or investment power with respect to the shares held by or for the account or benefit of Elkhorn. All information is based on the Schedule 13D/A executed by Elkhorn and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 13, 2011.

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