AMERISTAR CASINOS INC Form 8-K November 04, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): November 4, 2009 Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada	000-22494	880304799
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490S, Las Vegas, Nevada		89169
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area of		(702) 567-7000
Not Applicable		
Former name or former address, if changed since last report		
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 4, 2009, Ameristar Casinos, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter of 2009. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. Each of the exhibits listed below is incorporated herein in its entirety.

Exhibit Description

99.1

November 4, 2009 Press Release of the Registrant announcing financial results for the third quarter of 2009.

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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.

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

November 4, 2009

By: /s/ Peter C. Walsh Name: Peter C. Walsh Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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